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"Seed parents" care for their young



Working in their chilly greenhouse last week, Telstar Middle School students in the Greenhouse of Telstar (GOT Farms) program planted a variety of pepper and tomato seeds. The "seed parents" will now care for the plants at home until after April break, because the school greenhouse is still too cold this time of year to start seedlings. After April vacation, the trays of seedlings will return, where they will grow until it is time to transplant them into the garden. Pictured are, from left: Teacher Melissa Prescott, Koley True, and Cassidy Webster. GOT Farms is a service-learning project intended to improve the health of citizens in SAD 44 by using the school gardens and greenhouse to grow food for the Telstar complex, raising awareness of the importance of eating organically and locally, strengthening the "Farm to School" connections and working together with the kitchen staff and the community to bring local foods to the Telstar table more often, and developing partnerships with organizations and businesses in the SAD 44 community. This past year 67 students and 70 adults put in 3,860 hours on the project. For more on the program go to the website at <http://gotfarms.wordpress.com/>.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Is \$68,000 enough to keep AES doors open?

By ALISON ALOISIO

Andover's effort to keep its elementary school open is now proceeding on two tracks, following a town meeting vote to raise \$68,000.

After appropriating those funds to negotiate with SAD 44 to keep AES operating next school year, Andover will now see if the figure is enough to satisfy the district's School Board.

Meanwhile, separate negotiations are still ongoing for Andover to possibly withdraw from SAD 44 July 1.

\$68,000 vs. \$100,000
In 2012 school directors voted 10-5 to accept \$68,000

extra from Andover to keep the school open this school year.

This year Andover selectmen recommended raising \$100,000 to negotiate for the same purpose. But on Saturday, an amendment was made to reduce it to \$68,000.

Former School Board Chairman Sid Pew, who represented Andover, said he was skeptical that \$68,000 paid up front would be enough this year.

He said he has talked to other school directors from other towns.

"They're not overly enthused about keeping the school open," he said. "The cost will be a lot higher if

they vote to close it."

(If directors vote to close the school, Andover could then face a bill of more than \$200,000 to keep AES open – the result of a state calculation that comes into play after a formal vote to close a school. Two years ago Andover paid \$214,600 to keep the school open after the School Board voted to close it.)

Pew also worried about another scenario. If Andover does not reach a payment agreement with SAD 44 soon and directors vote for closure before the withdrawal issue is settled – and then Andover votes to withdraw – the town could have trouble reopen-

ing the school without significant upgrades, he said.

"We won't be grandfathered and we will have some serious issues with that building," said Pew.

He said an Andover vote on the withdrawal question would likely not take place until June, based on the steps still remaining in the process.

But Pew's successor on the SAD 44 board, Mark Shraiberg, felt differently. "I think it's very important that we maintain the status quo for this next year, at \$68,000," he said. "We are in negotiations now to withdraw. As we

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Proposed budget could up Bethel tax rate by 9.4%

By ALISON ALOISIO

A proposed budget that would raise the Bethel tax rate by an estimated 9.4 percent was approved last week by selectmen and the Budget Committee.

The budget was easily passed by the selectboard, while the Budget Committee narrowly voted in favor.

Under the plan, the current mill rate of 11.65 would rise to 12.74. The numbers reflect an estimate for next year's SAD 44 share.

Residents will vote on the budget at town meeting June 12.

The proposed municipal expenditure (not including SAD 44 share) is

\$3,620,099, a 7.7 percent increase over the current amount (\$40,000 is attributable to private donations for a proposed dog park).

Most of the increase is due to capital spending for road improvement projects.

"The \$815,000 capital budget represents a \$293,306 increase over FY'13," Town Manager Jim Doar said in a memo explaining his proposal. "This increase is driven in large part by deferred maintenance on town roads."

The FY'14 operating budget will drop, he said.

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Supt. addresses CPS polling place concerns

By ALISON ALOISIO

The safety of students at the Crescent Park Elementary School, and the responsibility of the town, came up for discussion last week at a Bethel budget workshop.

Selectmen and Budget Committee members were discussing appropriating money for improvements to the Cole Block building (town office) when the subject arose. The idea has been floated to change the town's election polling place from CPS to the town office, if upgrades could be made.

Budget Committee member Bob Everett wondered if the town had any liability under the current voting arrangement.

"We have people in the town that are on the sex offender registry," he said. "Every year they're up there voting. Does that affect the town? This is going to affect us sooner or later. We're going to get sued or something's going to happen. I didn't realize that until somebody brought it to my attention at the last election."

Another committee member, Levi Brown, is also teaching principal/health coordinator at CPS. "I also had probably a dozen parents address that same issue," he said.

Selectboard Chair Stan Howe raised another issue. He said he was told some people coming to vote may

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Gilead budget down for town meeting

By ALISON ALOISIO

Thanks in part to savings on a paving job last year, Gilead residents at the March 30 town meeting can look forward to an estimated \$71,000 drop in municipal appropriations this year.

Last year's appropriation was also higher due to \$30,000 expended on a town revaluation.

If all of this year's money articles are approved, the municipal figure would total \$208,415, compared to last year's \$279,774. School expenses are not yet available and are not included.

The only significant new expense would be \$50,000 to pave the Bog Road. Of that, \$18,377 is proposed to come from funds carried over from last year's paving work on the North Road. Not all of the \$80,000 appropriated for that job last year was used, according to Town Clerk Lin Chapman.

Residents will be asked to raise \$31,623 to go with the carryover to reach the \$50,000 for the Bog Road.

In another road-related account, selectmen recommend raising \$10,000 toward the Public Ways and Bridges maintenance account. Last year enough money was available through carryover or revenue received.

In town elections, Selectman Steve McLain is running again for a three-year term. On the School Committee, Ann Choquette's three-year term is up and she is expected to run, said Chapman. In addition, there is a one-year term on the School Committee up for a vote as the result of a resignation.

The March 30 meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Family genealogy turns into town history project

By ALISON ALOISIO

People with family roots in Newry and nearby towns have a new online resource available to search for their ancestors, as well for old photos and other history of the area.

What started 20 years ago as Mark Vail's personal genealogy project grew into a Newry-area history and genealogy effort.

"When my father died (in

1990) I didn't know anything about my genealogy," said Vail, a Newry native. "I decided to do some research."

He was living in the right place at the time – Salt Lake City, where the Mormon Church has an extensive genealogy library. He also was in the right line of work – computer design management.

Vail spent three or four years tracking down his family tree by connecting to the church's computer genealogy system. His work predictably led him to many people in Newry. That's when he decided to branch out.

He began compiling information on other Newry families. That, in turn, led him into neighboring towns. "I realized if I was going to do Newry I also needed to do Upton and Grafton," he said.

His sources included town histories, census and military records, and vital statistics records (births, deaths, marriages).

Vail's research went on for years. About 10 years ago he set up a website, OxfordTriangle.com, to display his information.

In 2005 he had to put his work on hold for health reasons.

He retired and moved

back to this area last year. Vail now lives in Bethel and is continuing his work.

Being here has enabled him to obtain other hard copy historical records to add to his collection. For example, he said, "I got all of [Newry midwife] Amy Hanscom's midwife books with records from 1920 to 1930."

Vail estimates he now has more than 30,000 names in his system.

A person visiting the website may find out how he or she is related to someone listed on the site.

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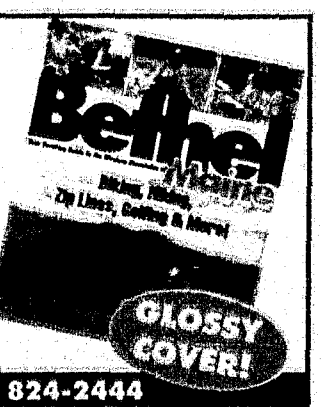
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Letters

LODGING LICENSING

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to the article "State licensing proposed for rental homes" by Alison Aloisio, which appeared in the March 7 Bethel Citizen concerning a bill titled LD330. The main focus of the article appeared to be the financial implications of the bill for the parties involved, and I believe Alison did a good job of gathering opposing views.

As a retired firefighter, professional home inspector in this area for more than 12 years, and a Maine State Certified Third Party Inspector (TPI Cert #147) for the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC), I believe LD330, with enforcement of life safety standards and water testing, etc., will also address the safety inefficiencies found in many of the unlicensed rentals and the life-threatening conditions found in some of the properties currently being rented.

As a home inspector I've been hired to perform a significant number of property inspections during real estate transactions on properties with a history of being used as rentals with the buyer's intentions to continue to use it as a rental. Many of the properties only need handrails and/or guardrails, GFCI protected outlets, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, etc., to make the home safe. These are relatively inexpensive upgrades and should be done regardless if the home is rented or not.

Some owners, in an attempt to maximize the number of people the property can accommodate and amount of income it will generate, have converted the basement into bedrooms without escape windows or a secondary egress. In addition, many have installed a wood-burning stove in the family room just outside these bedrooms thus creating a potential fire hazard between the bedroom and the only means of exiting the structure. I have come across this scenario many more times than one would hope to see. During an inspection of one of the rental "mansions capable of sleeping dozens of people" as Chad McGrew described in the article, I took a water sample for the prospective buyer and the lab report indicated significant levels of Arsenic present. A filtration system was installed to mitigate the issue, but I could not help but think of all the people who rented that property and unknowingly drank that water during the years prior to me testing it.

Because I believe Jarrod Crockett's general intention is to do the right thing, I was disappointed in his choice of words and stance on the subject. When he said "This bill is dangerous to hundreds of people who own hunting camps, fishing camps, condos and vacation homes in our area," I could not help but think without this bill it will become increasingly more "dangerous" to anyone who rents unsafe hunting camps, fishing camps, condos and vacation homes in our area.

We need some well-thought-out guidelines that make all our rental properties safe. Instead of killing jobs, as Jarrod states, I believe it will create jobs for many trades people who do repairs and upgrades that maintain or improves property values as well as safeguard renters. The biggest "death traps" will be too expensive to fix so they will disappear from the rental pool. A win-win situation. If the unregulated rentals take all the business some of the Inns and Hotels will not make it – ripping the heart out of the towns they are in and the jobs they created will be gone. What we could be left with is unregulated cut-rate rentals spread out all over the place, some of which may be unsafe to varying degrees.

The article mentioned concerns some owners who are now renting out their properties will have to sell. It is unfortunate that the current economy has forced many of us to make tough choices. Is it better that the Inns or Hotels close and have to sell because they can't make it? What if an Inn or Hotel becomes a foreclosed property in the heart of town? How will it affect the area? What will it become if it can't survive as a lodging establishment?

In the article, Greg Dugal was concerned the workload for state inspectors would be more than they could handle. There is currently a rather extensive list of Maine State certified Third Party Inspectors (TPI) established for the MUBEC codes. These TPI inspectors could be additionally trained to help handle the rental work load as well.

I do not like the thought of more regulations any more than the next guy; however, experience has taught me that not everyone wants to or is willing to do the right thing, especially if they are making money by doing otherwise. Safe rentals are an asset to our community just as much as the local scenic beauty, lakes and rivers, unique stores, good restaurants, ski areas and other recreational opportunities. We need to protect our visitors by intelligently implementing rules governing the properties they are staying in.

Gary "Bo" Boden
Accu-Pro Inspections LLC
Bethel

(Update: On March 14 the Health and Human Services Committee voted the bill "Ought Not to Pass.")

VOTE "NO" ON WIND ORDINANCE

To the Editor:

On Monday, residents of Woodstock will have the chance to vote on a wind power ordinance.

If passed, the ordinance would have no direct effect on the Spruce Mountain Wind Project as it currently exists and operates. However, Spruce Mountain Wind is named as the reason that this ordinance was developed, so we wanted to respond to a few questions that have been asked, and to express our thoughts on the ordinance for your reflection and consideration.

In case you are not aware, the Spruce Mountain Wind project operates as permitted, fully in compliance with the laws put forth by the State of Maine and the Town of Woodstock, including noise limits that are strictly enforced by the State. We have also conducted sound studies on Concord Pond and determined that the project is operating well within compliance levels and even below predicted sound levels at those locations. We have complied with all applicable laws, and we will continue to do so throughout the life of the project.

Voters should be aware that if this ordinance is passed, there are a number of technical aspects of the ordinance that would make future wind power development in Woodstock virtually impossible, although this does not affect us directly. For Spruce Mountain Wind, the ordinance could have the unintended consequence of preventing us from replacing the current turbines with a new, more efficient, and quieter technology 20 years in the future. The turbines currently installed at Spruce Mountain Wind produce more power while emitting less noise than previous generations of turbines, and that technological trend is expected to continue. The next generation of wind turbines will likely produce even more energy and less sound per unit of output.

We do not think this was the intent of the Wind Energy Ordinance Committee, and they certainly deserve credit for taking on the difficult task of working through this highly technical process. However, this is a complex subject and we believe care should be taken to avoid unintended consequences. Therefore, although it does not affect our project directly, we would recommend that you vote NO on this ordinance for the reasons stated above. We are proud of Spruce Mountain Wind, and we are very appreciative of our relationship with the Town of Woodstock. If you have any questions regarding the wind project or our perspective on the ordinance, please feel free to contact me at 781-789-7073.

Tom Carroll,
Spruce Mountain Wind

"YES" ON WIND ORDINANCE

To the Editor:

To the voters of Woodstock:

I write to share some of my experiences with the Spruce Mountain Wind Facility and to encourage Woodstock voters to approve the proposed Wind Ordinance at Annual Town Meeting on March 25.

When Patriot Energy first constructed the wind towers on Spruce Mountain I thought we had dodged a major bullet as the towers were not in sight of our camp located on the northeast side of Concord Pond – how untrue! The wind tower officials had assured us that the towers made little noise and would not be bothersome at such low levels at our camp, some 1.6 mile from the turbines – again untrue!

I complained to Patriot and to the Maine DEP several times through the summer, all to no avail. Noise at Concord Pond continued to be awful. I remember that Saturday, Sept. 15, it was very loud, and it got worse with the foliage drop. So in October we began to ready the camp for sale as it was obvious that I will no longer enjoy the serenity of the pond. To sit on the waterfront in the evening to watch the sunset, read a book, or do some quiet study is most times now impossible.

I am truly saddened by the fact the project was sighted where it is and hope the town of Woodstock realizes that if they allow the project to expand or another to be erected, without the protection of an ordinance, more residents will be as seriously affected. I wish this on no one and am happy for the townspeople who say they can't hear them or are not bothered by them. I wish I were one of them!

I can only hold onto the great many memories since first coming to Concord Pond in the 1950s. I do not have a vote as I am only a "Camp Owner" – not a resident – though I find myself one of the most affected. Sadly, it's time to move on!

Bob Moulton
Camp owner, Concord Pond, Woodstock

MORE INFO ON WIND ORDINANCE

To the Editor:

To the Voters of Woodstock,

We wanted to take this last opportunity before Monday's Annual Town Meeting to ask you to please check out our committee website at <http://woodstockwindordinance.blogspot.com/> to see some new postings of before and after photos of Shagg Pond and other new materials.

And we ask for your support of the Wind Ordinance by voting "Yes" on Article 9. Thank you,

Bob Elliott, for the Woodstock Wind Energy Ordinance Committee
Woodstock

MOLLYCKETT DAYS MORE RESPECTFUL

To the Editor:

Mollyckett Days Festival is changing before our eyes. The impact of the Truth and Reconciliation for native people in Maine has already begun to raise our awareness about what is fair and just and when we stereotype and appropriate.

As it changes, it creates more costs. Robin Zinchuk of the Chamber of Commerce has been asking the towns of SAD 44 if they could kick in \$1.25 per person to help raise some of the \$12,000 it cost last year to put on this event. Newry has already voted yes at town meeting.

This festival draws many people to the area. It is a benefit to the region – not just Bethel. And as we change our culture (for example: replacing "Miss Mollyckett" with the "Essay Winners" – a local boy and girl who write an essay about the actual times Mollyckett lived) which is more respectful and inclusive, we will draw even more interest and attendance. And regional organizations like the Telstar Alumni benefit from the festival, as do the fire departments of many towns in the SAD 44 area.

This year we are planning a Native American tent where there will be demonstrations and educational events from the culture of the woman this festival celebrates, Mollyckett.

These changes are very exciting, and need our whole region to invest in a festival that impacts the entire community. I encourage all the towns of our SAD 44 region to see this event as a summer homecoming and celebration of the values Mollyckett has been remembered for: caring for one another, healing and community. Mollyckett was not just from Bethel, she was from this region from Andover to Fryeburg. I encourage Bethel, Greenwood and Woodstock to follow Newry in supporting this request from the Chamber.

James Francis, the Tribal Historian for the Penobscot Nation, and I have collaborated to create the commemorative artwork for this year's festival, showcasing this year's theme: "Stewardship of the Earth."

Arla Patch
Woodstock

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION PRESENTATION

To the Editor:

Arla Patch will describe her work with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Saturday, March 23, 6 p.m. supper followed by her presentation at 6:45 at West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel.

The Maine Wabanaki Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) is the result of native and non-native social workers realizing that even with better compliance to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), they were still running into barriers with providing best practices for native children in Maine.

They began a TRC process in 2008 that has led to a Mandate signed by the State of Maine and all four tribal governments in June of 2012. This is unprecedented in the world. Every other TRC has been a government initiated process, not a grassroots one. And, Maine is the first state in the US to initiate a TRC for child welfare practices.

Patch serves on the Communications Subcommittee of the TRC. Her role has been largely to help non-indigenous Mainers (mostly white European-Americans) learn about the true history and understand what and why we need a TRC. The TRC in Maine is not looking for financial remunerations or legal retributions. It aims to do three things:

Create a common understanding of what has happened to Wabanaki people in the child welfare system,
Give Wabanaki people a place to share their experiences, to have a voice and to heal,
Come up with suggestions for improving practices for child welfare in Maine.
The church is sponsoring the potluck supper and educational program. Bring a dish to share (main dish, salad, or dessert). Beverages will be provided.

Jane Chandler
Bryant Pond

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Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Telstar Middle School held a science fair in the Telstar gymnasium. Parents and community members were invited to vote for "Viewer's Choice Awards."

The Wolf Den of Bethel's Cub Scout Pack 566 received permission to construct a bat house under the south eave of the Bethel pathway covered bridge.

Births: Lucy James Cooper, Cody Brian Saunders, Gavin Robert Millett.

Deaths: Helen W. George, Stanley F. Coolidge, Floyd L. Buck.

20 years ago: Dewaine Craig was selected as the next Vocational Administrator for Northern Oxford Vocational Region 9.

It took less than an hour for 35 voters at Upton's Town Meeting to approve a total budget of \$77,039, and all 34 articles on the warrant.

Deaths: Richard N. Bryant, Stanton C. Lamb, Leonard Maglione, Minnie May Hallett, Claire W. Gabriel.

30 years ago: Vernon "Tink" and Maxine Brown were honored at a 40th wedding anniversary open house, attended by approximately 160 family and friends.

Sue Jarrobino and Colleen Hill opened their new beauty salon, The Total Image, on Main Street.

Birth: Katherine Steele Wellford.

Deaths: Harold T. Nutting, Eldwin J. Morton, Mrs. Ethelyn M. Vashaw.

40 years ago: The Upton Grange turned in its charter and removed the sign from the hall after nearly 70 years of activity.

Dollars for Scholars sponsored a variety show, "This Land is Your Land – America," at the Telstar Auditorium.

Deaths: James W. Kovacs, Mrs. Charles Snell, Melody J. Emery, Everett J. Marshall.

50 years ago: A near-capacity crowd was in attendance at the Gould Academy Field House for the Chapman Club pops concert.

A fire gutted the home of the Paul Wight family in North Newry.

Births: Katherine Leigh Everett, Carroll Verrill, Richard Robert Littlefield.

Deaths: Arthur E. Damon, Arthur E. Witham, Mrs. Nina Bean Burnham, Max W. Linscott, Mrs. Annie Blackadar Thompson.

60 years ago: The Bethel P.T.A. voted to sponsor the grammar school basketball team.

Bethel Elementary schools closed a week early for spring vacation on account of scarlet fever in the community.

Birth: Jeffrey Arlon Twitchell.

Deaths: Clarence S. Wiggin, David M. Ramsay, Jr.

70 years ago: Aircraft recognition classes were being held in the Gould Academy Lecture Room.

Death: Mrs. Frances McMillin.

80 years ago: The Bethel National Bank and Bethel Savings Bank reopened after "bank holiday" since March 4.

The worst snowstorm and wind of the season occurred this week.

The assessors of the Bethel Village Corporation were authorized to procure a placed to be designated as the Corporation dump.

Deaths: Mrs. Angeline Bowker, D. Henry Fifield, Michael Otis Bryant.

90 years ago: Gould Academy wound up its basketball season by defeating Woodstock High 61-31. Six out of 13 games played were won by Gould. Gould girls won three out of six games.

Deaths: Atty. Charles H. Hersey, William C. Blake, Abigail B. Carver.

100 years ago: Appropriations at the Bethel Corporation meeting amounted to \$2,678.00.

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Letters

SUPPORTS THE DOG PARK

To the Editor:

In the past 40 years I have lived in 15 different towns and cities. Most of them had dog parks; some even had beaches where dogs could run in the off-season or at night.

Bethel, too, needs a dog park. I know that we are a rural area with numerous trails and outdoor parks. However, I have not found a place where my dog can safely run, play, and socialize with other dogs while off-leash. Many of our trails are close to roads or railroads. I live on 12 acres of wooded land, inhabited by wildlife, including predators such as foxes, fishers, and coyotes. I have even run into a coyote while snowshoeing on a trail close to my house. As the owner of a medium-sized dog, the possibility of encountering a coyote while walking my dog is a frightening prospect. That is one reason why I support the dog park. Some area residents do not have access to outdoor spaces to run their dogs because they live in apartments. A dog park will be a wonderful asset for all of us.

Some residents have raised the concern that taxpayers' money will be used to fund a dog park. In tough economic times, this is a genuine concern. However, like the skateboard park and the children's park, the dog park will not be built or maintained with taxpayers' money. The Friends of the Bethel Dog Park is raising funds that will be used. This includes obtaining individual contributions, grants, and holding fundraising activities. Supporters of the dog park meet the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6 pm at the Mahosuc Land Trust Building to discuss plans for the park and fundraising activities. Everyone is welcome to join us. Thank you very much.

Nancy Brown
Bethel

SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

To the Editor:

Hello, my name is Cassidy Webster, and I am doing a fundraiser for Shriner's Hospital for Children which helped me by giving me knee surgery. I want to give something to them, so I'm hosting a spaghetti sauce challenge.

I have invited local restaurants to donate their sauces and then the public can vote which is the best. The challenge will be on March 23, at the Newry Grange Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. The suggested donation is five dollars, and all the profits will go to Shriner's Hospital. There will be vegetarian and regular sauces, with bread and drinks.

I am also looking for donations of paper cups and noodles (gluten free or regular).

If you cannot come but would still like to make a donation or if you have any questions, please contact me at cassidywebster101@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Cassidy Webster
Newry

RADON LAW CHANGES

To the Editor:

There are currently two laws which would change the rental radon testing law, 14 MRSA Section 6030-D. These bills are LD 328, which would eliminate the law and replace it with the Illinois disclosure law; and LD 575 which would remove the date when testing must be completed, require rental units be tested rather than rental buildings, give landlords the right to test, require that radon testing only takes place below the third floor, exempt the landlord from disclosing radon test results when a short-term follow up test shows no radon in the unit regardless of the results of the initial test, allow a landlord to stop renting rather than mitigate, and allows a landlord to tell tenants of high radon in common areas instead of mitigate.

For further information please go to these sites:
<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0124&item=1&snum=126>

http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?PID=0&snum=126&paper=&paperld=1&ld=575

This will take you to the LD 575 page. You can also plug in, in the top left corner, for LD 328 and get all the information.

Both public hearings are Monday, March 25, at 10 a.m. in Veterans and Legal Affairs, which is on the fourth floor in the Capitol building.

To highlight some of the most grievous things about these bills:

* These are job killing bills. As a Maine Register Radon Tester (Reg #ME12701P since 2002) I have participated in and observed all the training and "ramping up" of testers, laboratories and mitigation companies since 2009 when the law was passed.

* These bills risk the health and welfare of long-term tenants; many are lower income and have no other choice.

* Landlords would be allowed to do their own testing and not required to disclose some results. There is a reason Maine state law requires a Registered Radon Tester to perform radon testing in real estate transactions and states clearly that buyers, sellers and real estate agents (all have a financial interest in the outcome of the results) cannot test. Why is this common sense requirement being removed when it comes to landlords?

* Landlords can stop renting to (evict) a tenant who tested and found high levels instead of being required to mitigate, and does not appear to restrict them from renting again after the tenant moves out. This is clearly designed to intimidate tenants from testing and discriminating against those that do.

* The lack of notification about these bills and their public hearings to the public in some portions of our state (Bethel for example) is alarming.

I am not saying that the current law is perfect and that some improvements are not warranted, but I don't believe these bills are the answer. An apartment owners' group is pushing very hard on these bills. The renting public is not organized and most are not even informed this is happening. If this is of a concern to you, I recommend contacting your representative and signing up to testify at the hearing.

"Bo" Boden
Accu-Pro Inspections, LLC
Bethel

CLEANUP THANKS

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank all those who helped clean up the WinterFest Snowcano site. The Town of Bethel aided in removing the jumps used for the RailWars rail jam event. After dedicated volunteers Jim Sysko, Bob Westfall, and Bud Kulick scaled the snow pile to remove the platform at the top, Doug Jones and Cross Excavation loaned use of an excavator to fill in the hole left behind after the "eruption." Jim Bennett also deserves credit for patrolling the area to pick up waste and mark obstacles after the WinterFest events were complete. Our volunteers and their businesses donated countless hours and materials throughout the event, and we can't do enough to show our appreciation.

We also want to acknowledge that there were a few unhappy athletes after the RailWars event, having expected a higher prize cash package. There were 22 athletes who competed in the event at \$25 each. The event organizer, Nate Clukey, after paying for some of the basic costs of the event (DJ and band), disseminated the available cash and other prizes/gift certificates in the most equitable way he thought he could. He deserves a "hats off" for all the hours he devoted to the event - and the fun evening he and his co-organizers and sponsors created for the athletes and their friends. The Bethel Area Chamber Board of Directors voted to provide \$100 to each of the division winners: Blake Wilson on skis and Bo Warren on Snowboard and we would like to offer our congratulations to both of them.

We would also like to offer congratulations to our WinterFest Facebook Snowman Contest winner - Carol Bourque who built Tubbsy with her husband, Jim.

We hope you all agree that WinterFest this year was a lot of fun - from the spectacular Snowcano, to the Snow-Groomer Rides, snowshoe demos, sledding on the hill, the events throughout the area and the RailWars. The committee, chaired by Amanda Moran, put their hearts and souls into highlighting all the wonderful outdoor pursuits that make the Bethel Area such a great place to live, work and visit!

We hope everyone enjoys the rest of the winter.
Jessie Perkins
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Swasey Excavation, Inc. is intending to file a variance application with Maine Department of Environmental Protection for excavation below the water table at its existing gravel pit off Wentzel Road in Andover, Maine. Per DEP rules, a PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING will be held in order to inform the public about the variance application. The meeting will be held at the Andover Town Hall on Wednesday, April 3, at 6:30 pm. The Town Hall is located at 14 Elm Street in Andover, Maine. This meeting is open to the public.

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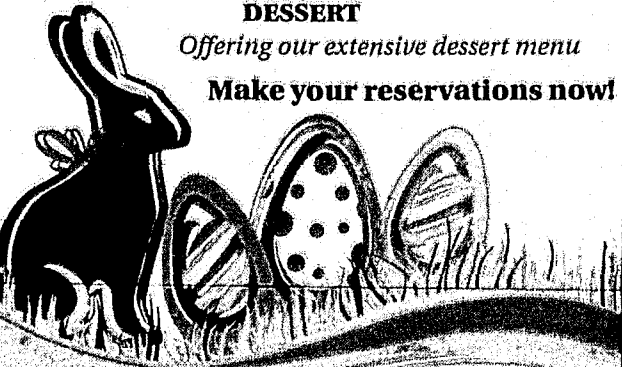
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Revenue sharing, Undesignated fund

Doar's original overall budget proposal would have raised the tax rate 11.4 percent.

The plan would not have used money from the town's undesignated fund balance to lower the tax rate, as has been done in past years.

Doar based his reasoning on Gov. Paul LePage's proposal to cut state revenue sharing and homestead exemption reimbursements. Because there is resistance to the governor's plan in the Legislature, Doar recommended the town budget for receiving that revenue, but still provide a financial safety net by not using undesignated funds to lower the tax rate.

If the town did not receive the state funds, he said, it would have the same effect as using \$170,000 of undesignated funds. "The town can safely absorb that with no detrimental effects to cash flow," Doar said in his memo.

But committee member Bob Everett wanted to find ways to reduce the tax hike.

He cited the amount of money paid by taxpayers in interest on late-paid taxes for 2012. The figure is \$46,790, compared to a projected estimate of \$25,000 for that year. The estimate for 2013 was \$35,000 (with \$31,801 collected to date) but the FY'14 estimate is

now \$45,000.

In addition, the proposed budget for lien filing expenses for FY'14 is up 42 percent, to \$5,000.

"That tells us people are struggling more every year," said Everett.

He moved to take \$100,000 from undesignated funds to reduce taxes, and the other budgeters voted to approve. There was \$1.1 million in the undesignated account at the end of FY'12, Doar said, and \$258,000 was used in FY'13 to lower the tax rate.

The budgeters also voted to flat-fund requests from community organizations that seek money each year from the town, including one for Mollycoddett Day that would have increased the contribution by threefold, to \$3,000.

The budgeters made an exception for REACH, approving \$100 more than last year when a representative present noted they had not asked for an increase since 2006.

Also reduced was the supplies budget for Angevine Park.

They discussed reducing \$25,000 to be set aside for future improvements to the Cole Block/Odeon Hall, where the town office is located, but in the end let it stand.

Roads

Everett also wanted to make cuts to the roads projects.

The town plans five years into the future for

road improvements, but projects have been put off, Doar said.

The major road projects he proposes this year include \$169,500 to grind and repave a mile of the Flat Road; \$73,850 to install drainage on Chapman Street; \$60,000 to change the elevation/replace the sidewalk on Chapman Street; \$46,650 to resurface Chapman Street; \$64,400 to pave .63 mile on the Bailey Road; \$58,600 to overlay 3,480 feet of the Bird Hill Road; \$36,000 to shim and surface 1,950 feet of Sunset Lane; \$23,000 for the Meadowbrook Bridge Road; and \$20,000 for various culvert replacements.

Selectboard Chair Stan Howe supported the proposal. "We've got a plan and we're trying to follow it," he said. "It will cost us more if we delay."

But Everett likened the situation to a business.

"You can make a business plan," he said. "But you can't follow it if you don't have the money. You just can't do it."

He voted against the overall budget.

Under other items, two percent raises are proposed for town employees.

Other members of the Budget Committee are Levi Brown, Bonita Sessions, David Crockett, Greg Files, Jacalyn Bell, Jim Bennett, John Devivo, Mike Jodrey, Bob Blake, Ted Davis and Steve Etheridge.

CPS

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have guns in their vehicles.

"We have several things that are not good," he said.

Replied Town Manager Jim Doar, "I can't speak to people having guns. They're not supposed to, in the parking lot."

As for the possible presence of sex offenders, he said, "You're voting and you can't disenfranchise people, and that's our polling place."

Doar said the town could move the polls to the Fire Station, "but that would require moving trucks out and keeping the bays open," he said.

Parking could also be an issue.

Murphy responds

On Friday SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy was asked about the concerns.

Regarding sex offenders on school property, he said, "There is no specific policy on that. We go by

state law."

He said he talked to Sheriff Wayne Gallant, who, he said, has checked with the District Attorney's Office.

"He said voting isn't a problem for people as long as they don't seek out direct or indirect contact with kids," Murphy said.

In past years, he said, either the Bethel Police Department had placed an officer on duty at CPS on election days or a steel gate in the hallway that separates the classroom wings from the gym, where voting takes place, has been closed.

But in recent years there has been no police presence and the gate has not been used, he said.

However, said Murphy, "I talked to [Brown] about having the Sheriff's Office available in the future. That's something we'll be looking at."

Murphy added, "I think

there are only two registered sex offenders right now in town. I talked to Jim Doar and they can figure out if those folks even vote."

Doar said Monday only one is registered to vote, and the offense did not involve elementary-age children.

As for the possible presence of guns in vehicles, Murphy said, "That's never been called to my attention. I'm not aware of that."

He said federal law (the Gun Free School Zone Act of 1990) prohibits guns in school zones, as does district policy.

In the larger picture of school security, several years ago the district discussed the possibility of hiring police or school resource officers for its schools, but did not pursue it.

Andover

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negotiate, maintaining the status quo is holding a position. And as long as we hold that position, it's my opinion that it's the board's duty to negotiate in good faith. And if they're going to negotiate in good faith, that would mean they have to maintain the Andover Elementary School open for another year, while we negotiate to withdraw from the district."

He said the board knows a key reason Andover is looking at withdrawal is to keep the school open. "If they decide to close the school as we negotiate, then in my opinion they're not negotiating in good faith," he said.

Shraiberg also wanted to amend the article so any agreement reached with the \$68,000 would be contingent on placing a teaching principal at AES, "not a teaching principal that's not there every day," he said. "We need to have a teaching principal in that school, and they need to accept the \$68,000 to maintain the status quo until negotiations are finished. That's my opinion."

But moderator David Duguay told him he could only amend the dollar amount, and the principal idea was dropped.

Cards on the table

Dick Merrill of the Andover Budget Committee opposed raising any funds now.

"I think offering money up front is a bad sign," he said. "If anybody reads on the School Board that we've already appropriated \$100,000, guess what the figure's going to be."

He said there would be more special town meetings about the school issue, and there would be another opportunity to appropriate more money.

Selectman Keith Farrington acknowledged that "we're playing poker with the cards on the table," but he still felt raising the \$100,000 was the best overall choice.

Resident Scott Owings didn't want to raise any money because of the effect on taxes.

"Whether we raise \$100,000 or \$68,000, I cannot afford my taxes to go up any more," he said, even though he said he wanted to see AES stay open.

His comments were met with some applause.

After a 45-minute discussion, the voters approved the \$68,000.

Other articles

In other big-ticket item votes at Saturday's meeting, residents rejected an

article to raise \$100,000 to buy a used, 1995 ladder truck to replace the Fire Department's 1975 vehicle. Fire Chief Rob Dixon said the current truck is operable and certified, but the used truck presented a good "opportunity" for the future. Voters did not want to spend the money, however.

They were more sympathetic to a proposal to take out a \$320,000 bond to fix a one-mile stretch of the Farmer's Hill Road, a proposal that was rejected last year. They approved it this year.

Other articles were approved with some relatively minor alterations.

On Tuesday Merrow said the municipal appropriation totals \$659,869 (including the \$68,000) as a result of the meeting votes.

Last year the total municipal appropriation was \$758,042, again including the \$68,000.

In elections held Tuesday, incumbent Selectman Keith Farrington won 38-28 over write-in candidate Susan Ross, Merrow said.

School Board write-in candidate Esau Cooper won unopposed with 45 votes.

Seventy-two voters turned out.

Vail

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In addition, he is also compiling old photos, newspaper clippings and other archival material that local residents have loaned to him to scan into his computer. There's a collection, for instance, of newspaper articles compiled through the 1940s, when local servicemen went off to war.

Among the photos are pictures of Newry's old Poplar Tavern and the Bear River Bridge. "I have about a thousand photos of my own, and a couple thousand total so far," he said.

After he scans items people loan him, he returns the material, along with a flashdrive of the scans.

Vail plans to shortly add the photos and other items to the website. Soon, he hopes, he will be able to add other features for people to use.

"They can comment on, and link to people and places," he said.

Anyone wishing to contact Vail with items for scanning may call him at 801-209-4887 or e-mail markevail@hotmail.com.

With his health now declining, he hopes to get as much compilation done as possible in the near future. He also hopes to find someone who can continue the project when he can't.

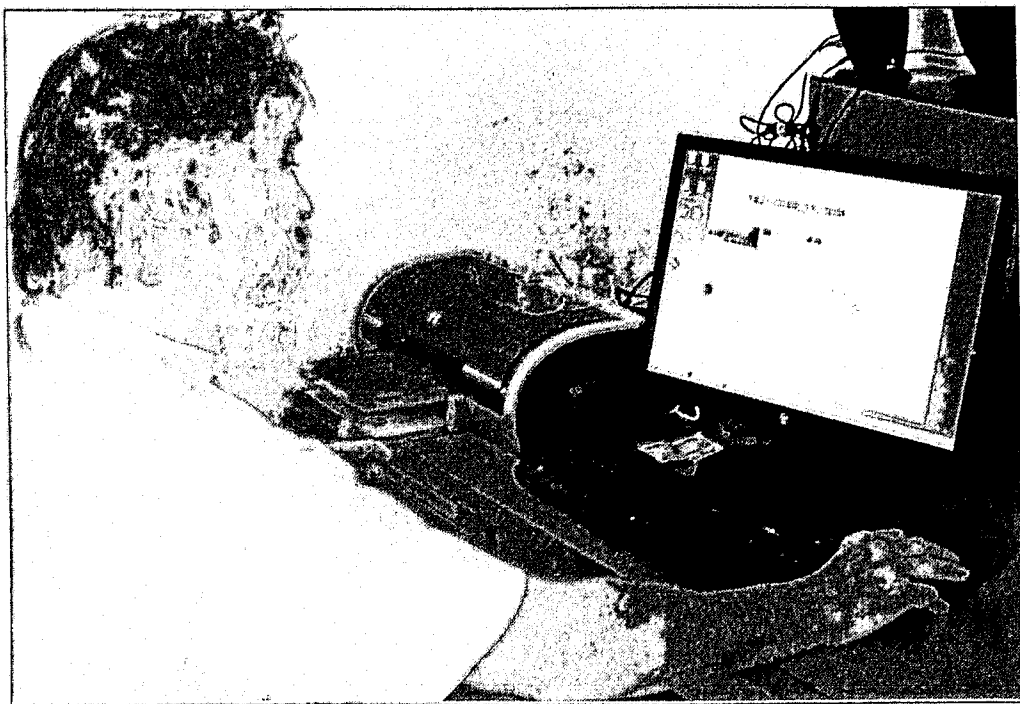
Another Newry native, Brooks Morton, has provided photos for Vail to scan and posted some of Vail's collection on his Facebook page. He's considering ways to help support Vail's efforts.

"It would be great to generate enough interest in developing Mark's vision for an Internet-based Historical Society," Morton said. "I have tried to work

to learn his program but I just do not know enough to be of much help.

"The greatest need is to find some people with computer coding skills willing to help preserve his program. The feature that shows how two different people are related is amazing in and of itself. The part of the system that connects the names with a physical location and pictures will make it an amazing research destination."

"I really don't think people realize the amount of information he has collected. Each piece of the puzzle added makes the picture of our ancestors that much clearer. If it takes forming a Historical Society, then that is the route to take. My main concern is to preserve his work."



Mark Vail works at his computer. He returned to live in this area last year after 30 years in Salt Lake City. (Photo: A. Aloisio)



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Briefly

"Tar sands" forum tonight

BETHEL— Tonight's (Thursday) forum on "tar sands" with representatives of the Portland-Montreal Pipe Line and other oil interests will also include a presentation by anti-tar sands activist Ken Hotopp of Newry. The forum at Telstar High School was scheduled after the oil representatives were denied a chance to speak at a special town meeting in Bethel in January. At that meeting a resolution was approved opposing the possible flow of diluted bitumen oil through the PMPL pipeline that passes through Bethel. At the March 11 selectmen's meeting Hotopp, who also did not get a chance to speak at the town meeting, asked to be granted equal time to the oil spokesmen at tonight's forum. "I'm asking for the same accommodation for those of us others who didn't get to talk," he said. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

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By NANCY BROWN



Every once in a while our government does something so stupid and ridiculous that I have to laugh out loud. This week it was the Maine lawmakers rushing to push through legislation that allows bars to sell alcohol beginning at 6 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day when it falls on Sunday. Supposedly pub owners lamented they would lose big bucks by not being able to sell alcohol between 6 and 9 a.m. "It would boost Maine's economy," they supposedly said.

I am not a teetotaler, but this argument seems just plain stupid. There are plenty of other things we can do to really boost Maine's economy. For example, what about allowing car dealers to sell cars on Sunday? Did you know that in Maine you can't buy a car from a dealer on Sunday?

I never thought much about this until last month when my beloved fifteen-year-old Honda began to fall apart. The problem with car hunting is not only finding the right car at the right price, but also finding the time to look and test drive. My problem was my work schedule. One option for people who work on Saturday is to go across the border into New Hampshire. Car dealers there are open on Sunday, and they do a booming business selling

to Mainers.

But I wanted to buy a car in Maine, to help boost my state's economy. Unfortunately, most of the dealers I contacted tried to sell me vehicles way above my price range. "Surely, you can afford a thousand dollars more," one of the six dealers said. "It's a great car." I have no doubt it was a great car, but I couldn't afford it.

Then I found Kevin Milligan, who works at Rowe Auburn. I e-mailed the dealership asking about a vehicle on their website. Kevin called me and we talked about what I could afford. We both agreed that the vehicle I inquired about was not a good fit. I figured I would never hear from Kevin again, but the next morning he called me again and said, "I will help you get a car. I will get it within the price range you want and with a payment you can afford."

He scheduled an early morning meeting with me. When I arrived, he had a vehicle waiting for me to test drive. Three hours later, I drove off in my Saturn SUV with all-wheel drive, low mileage, and \$1,000 under what I had set as a maximum price. I still think car dealerships should be open on Sunday, but since they aren't, the next best thing for me was Kevin Milligan. He went above and beyond to help me get an affordable car.

More car-related news. Gas prices are going down slowly. In the past week the price of a gallon of gas slipped 5 cents. Maine is still above the national av-

erage with a price of \$3.77 per gallon; the national average is \$3.65. The rate at the CITGO station on Railroad Street is still above average at \$3.78 per gallon. In Maine, the lowest costs are in the southern part of the state. On St. Patrick's Day, gas was selling at \$3.49 a gallon in Cape Elizabeth. The highest price for a gallon of gas was in Livermore Falls, where one gas station was selling gas for \$4.05 a gallon.

The Bethel United Methodist Church will host a Maunday Thursday service at 12 noon on Thursday, March 28. A soup and bread lunch will be followed by communion and a short service. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 79 Main Street in Bethel.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



It was nice to see plenty of sunshine this past weekend even though it was cold.

My brother, Steve McLain, was busy last Saturday delivering town reports to residents on the Bog Road. He got to visit with a few residents and some of their four-footed friends. Most of the dogs were friendly and wanted to be patted.

I was saddened to hear that Nancy Corriveau, a former Gilead resident, and Jim Monahan, a current resident, passed away recently. Condolences go out to their families.

Mary Tyler called to compare birds at the feeder. We have both seen the Red-Breasted Nuthatch, the White-Breasted Nuthatch, Purple Grackles, Starlings and Red-Winged Blackbirds. Maybe spring is going to come after all! Just a few more snow storms before we get there. Mary has also seen the gray fox trying to get to her bird feeders after dark.

One evening last week, we heard a commotion out front of the house. It was quite a racket and almost sounded like a cat fight. We looked out and saw a small animal chasing another one across Depot Street, over the snow bank and across the railroad tracks. It was really too dark to tell what

they were, so we watched and one of them returned. It came close enough to the house that when we turned the outside light on, we could see that it was a very large raccoon. It went across the driveway and disappeared around the end of the house.

Mary Tyler had some company last week. Her niece, Brenda Bergeron and daughter, Christie Cole, from Berlin, N.H., stopped by for a visit.

Lise McLain attended the Senior Club luncheon at the Rooster's Restaurant on Wednesday, March 13.

Nancy Corriveau was Lise's neighbor in Gilead, as she lived near Lise's parents' house in the former Decoster home. Lise would also like to send her condolences.

Lise McLain visited with her 87-year-old father at Ledgeview on Saturday, March 16. Last week he was transported to the emergency room at Stephens Memorial Hospital due to a developing medical issue which has since been resolved.

Lise McLain will be celebrating her birthday on March 20 and received a wonderful book called "Write Quick" bought by her husband, Steve, at the Bethel Historical Society. Lise has acquired a love of books and has a rather large selection of books in her library. Her favorite subjects are history and law and particularly the Civil War. She never leaves her home without a couple of books in her tote bag. She also visits many antique bookstores and recently bought six (6) antique books ranging in topics, for example, an 1841 Maine Law book, a 1914 Bouvier's Law Dictionary which was a rare find, and the other four (4) were written in the 1800s. She also purchases new books, and the latest book that she has read is called "ObamaCare Survival Guide" by Nick J. Tate, which is very educational regarding the massive cuts to be made in Medicare. She also reads plenty of articles written by professionals pertaining to a variety of topics. Overall, reading is a lot of fun, and it is quite a learning experience as you can see.

Lise McLain has signed a contract with a publishing company in December 2012 so she can now become an author. Her research is almost complete, and hopefully the book will be published in November or December

of 2013. This has been the "dream" of her life since she is a lover of books.

Steve and Lise McLain gave \$20 worth of "Lucky for Life" tickets to their son, Bradley McLain, for his birthday, and he won \$100 from that transaction. Congratulations, Bradley!

Town Office

The 2012 Annual Town Report is done and delivered. The selectmen delivered to residents last weekend. As mentioned earlier, Steve McLain delivered reports on the Bog Road, Alfred Leighton dropped them off around town and Jeremy Morin traveled up and down the North Road to finish off the deliveries. Hopefully, everyone will bring their copies to the Annual Town Meeting on March 30, since there are not a lot of copies left over.

This year's report was compiled by Lin Chapman, Town Clerk and Judy Perrille, Tax Collector and Administrative Assistant. Judy was appointed and sworn in at the selectmen's meeting on March 13 to complete the term after the resignation of Leann Caruso.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The first day of spring has come and gone. Spring sprung at 7:02 a.m.

March 20. Didn't notice much difference at 7:03.

If you have the craving for garden greens, the pea sprouts and sunflower sprouts at The Local Hub will fit the bill. I discovered these sprouts last week. The Bartletts, owners of the store, grow the sprouts from seeds and then harvest them when they are a couple inches tall. The sprouts have the mild flavor of peas and sunflowers. It's like eating fresh peas in March. The

sprouts are those green plants you see growing in their store-front windows.

And, to continue with cravings, if you want your own home-grown fish from your own pond, there are workshops on farm pond construction and trout stocking this Saturday in South Paris and sponsored by the Oxford County Extension Office. To register for one or both of these workshops, call the Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District at 743-5789, ext. 111. They are also taking orders at the same phone number for delivery of rainbow, brown or brook trout to private ponds.

Maine Maple Sunday is this Sunday (March 24). You won't have to travel far to partake of this event.

Here in Greenwood the Dunham Farm, off Rowe Hill Road, will be serving pancakes from 8-11 a.m. and the sugar house will be open until 3 p.m. There will be many other treats available besides pancakes. If you are inclined to do a drive-around tour of maple syrup producers, you can find the locations of other participants in Maine Maple Sunday online at www.mainemapleproducers.com.

The pussy willows are open now, and, with that, there is no turning back. Full speed ahead to when the colors of leaves and flowers return. Granted full speed in western Maine is a snail's pace!

Pussy willows are the first stage of the male flower of willows. Willows produce both male and female flowers. There are many species of willow, and our local version is the American pussy willow (*Salix discolor*). While locally we think of them as that very welcome first sign of spring, pussy willows are used in both Europe and America as decoration for Palm Sunday (the Sunday before Easter) and in China as an

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Wednesday, March 13

At 3:17 p.m. on the West Bethel Road Deputy Sullivan Rizzo arrested Krystal Pratt, 19, for assault.

At 9:41 p.m. on the West Bethel Road a complainant advised her neighbor was operating erratically in a driveway, and when she confronted him he assaulted her. Deputies Bruce Korhonen and Chris Davis summoned Peter D. Burgess, 27, of Bethel for assault.

Thursday, March 14

At 9:34 p.m. a caller reported a vehicle all over the northbound on Route 26 in Bryant Pond. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo was assigned. There was no contact.

Friday, March 15

At 11:05 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman reported to Telstar High School for a possible violation of bail conditions. It was determined there was no violation, but a new plan of action had to be implemented for all involved.

Sunday, March 17

At 10:30 p.m. on Route 2 Cpl. George Cayer stopped a vehicle. The driver admitted he had illegally attached plates that were also under suspension. Bryan D. Freese, 33, of Saco, was summoned for attaching false plates. The vehicle was towed.

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integral part of Chinese New Year (varying yearly between late January and early February).

Very locally, as in my home, pussy willows represent the first flower bouquet the cats can destroy. I picked a few branches of pussy willows last week, and it was less than an hour before the two cats had decimated the bouquet and were pulling the buds off the branches. Oh well, we all have our spring rituals. Even the cats.

And if you need more to convince yourself spring is here, Greenwood property taxes are due April 1 and interest begins to accrue May 1. Not quite what I had in mind for spring either.

You can send news to 3tachi6@gmail.com.

Andover

By JANE RICH



With predictions of a foot or more of snow on Tuesday, the Free Community Lunch was canceled. The next community lunch will be on April 19 at noon at the CEB. These events are sponsored by the People in Action Committee, which is a group of local citizens and members of both churches who want to promote good nutrition and provide a place for senior citizens and others to meet and greet. We trust that by this next event the snow will have ended!

At Town Meeting on Saturday, the big item of a new fire truck was defeated while citizens voted to continue to support our local school and work toward a solution to keep a school in Andover. Town employees salary increases were reduced from 3 percent to 2 percent. I'm sure there are more de-



ANDOVER VOTES—Residents at Saturday's Andover town meeting vote to raise \$68,000 to negotiate with SAD 44 to keep the Andover Elementary School open next year. The meeting lasted about four hours. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

tails of the meeting in other parts of this publication.

Despite the cold and a bitter wind, the Sleight Ride project to benefit the Hughes family was a huge success on Sunday, St. Patrick's Day. I applaud the brave souls standing around waiting for their turn to ride in the horse-drawn sleigh provided by the Hutchinsons, but I was too chicken to stay.

This Saturday, March 23, there will be a bake and food sale at the CEB to benefit the Andover Food Pantry which services the towns of Andover, Upton, Roxbury and Byron. In addition to baked goods there will be take-out foods for your Saturday lunch or evening meal including, baked beans, American Chop Suey, sweet and sour meatballs, and slaw. Each dollar raised will be matched by a grant to the pantry.

Easter falls on March 31 this year and both churches will have several services to mark this important event in the life of Christian churches everywhere. I will have complete schedules in next week's column.

The traditional Easter Egg Hunt in Andover will be held on Saturday morn-

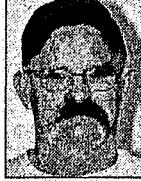
ing, March 30, beginning at 9 a.m. at Mills' Market. Children ages pre-school through 6th grade are eligible to participate. The Mills family has been doing this community project for many years and will be busy hiding eggs prior to the hunt. Donation jars to support this project are in The Little Red Hen Restaurant and Andover General Store.

The "regulars" at the Little Red Hen Restaurant will be sad that our favorite eatery will be closed from April 1 to 15, reopening on April 16; however, we wish Melissa and her family a wonderful and restful vacation in the South.

You might want to mark your calendars for some important events in April. On April 13 an auction will be held at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall and in the evening a music event featuring Pete Coolidge and friends. Both events will be to support and benefit the Hughes family. On April 27, the annual Birthday Supper will be held at the CEB. This event was started in 1938 by the Ladies Aid Society and has continued annually except for a couple of years during WW II when rationing was in effect.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Ladies Aid will next serve breakfast on Easter Sunday.

They will return to having their meetings Fridays at Leslie Aron's home.

The Upton Historical Society will have their first meeting of 2013 Sunday, April 21. Their April meeting is the annual election meeting. The State Line Snowmobile Club fishing derby was a success. Sixty-five people signed up to fish and try for the prizes. Fun was had by all and lots of excellent food was served.

Letter B Notch Riders will meet Sunday, April 14, 9 a.m. at the Upton House. The meeting will set the priorities and directions for the club for 2013. The meeting will start with elections of officers and board members. The club will discuss trail location and development, bridge building, fundraising, and club events.

Sunday, March 17, at 7 a.m. it was 3 degrees below zero at the Umbagog Lake boat landing. The weather forecasters are predicting that it will be 5 to 10

degrees colder Sunday night/Monday morning. Global Warming?

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Alder River Grange held a regular meeting on March 8 at Stan Howe's home. We

will host the East Bethel School Reunion in June, no firm date yet. The Grange is planning to have a Yard Sale on Molly Ockett Day and somewhere in between will be a supper or two. The Grange may have another yard sale at the Hall around Labor Day.

Our next meeting will be April 13, and hopefully, at the Hall in East Bethel. More plans will be put forth for a special meeting on the 4-H Clubs in the East Bethel area. 4-H will be 100 years old this year.

It seems everyone is bracing themselves for the predicted storm. So much for Spring, huh? Hopefully this will be the last of it for this winter!

Again, I did not fare well collecting news. Do hope I can do better next week. Do call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net. and help me out, please.

Here is the new Trivia question: Who was Eva Bean's grandfather and

how many kids did he and his wife have? Am looking forward to your answers.

Have a great week and think Spring!

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



The meeting for the trustees of Gardner Roberts Memorial Library was

March 12. The reports of the secretary, treasurer and librarian were approved. It was noted that the website had been discontinued because there were no hits. Linda Beaudoin had requested a donation to Maine Adaptive Skiing in support of Andy Barlow. A donation of \$100 was provided. Lynne Ramsey suggested that produce from the Children's Garden could be donated to a food pantry. Darlene Baker has been gathering material for the 2013 quilt. She said it would be a calendar quilt in earthtones. Squares need to be done by June 15.

The library was closed from Jan. 28 to Feb. 16 due to the extremely cold weather. It is now open as usual. Already they are planning for 2013 Fall Festival. Books from a Libri Grant have arrived. There were 72 books valued over \$1,000.

Maria Holloway donated Finding Your Inner Moose by Susan Poulin.

Recent books purchased are: "Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power" by Jon Meacham; "Thomas Jefferson and his Slaves" by Henry Wiencek; "Island Schoolhouse: One Room for All" by Eva Murray; "Mountains of Maine: Intriguing Stories Behind Them" by Steve Pinkham; "Old Tales of the Maine Woods" by Steve Pinkham; "An Army at Dawn: The War in North Africa" by Rick Atkinson; "The Day of the Battle" also by Rick Atkinson; "A Week in Winter" by Maeve Binchy; "The Last Runaway" by Tracy Chevalier; "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by

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Jennifer Chiverini; "The Husband List" by Janet Evanovich; "The Member of the Wedding" by Cason McCullers.

On a cold March day with the wind whipping about it would be a good thing to sit with a new book and read.

Remember the Select Board will meet Tuesday, March 26, at 6 p.m. If you have questions about your property valuation then meet with the Assessors during their meeting on Saturday, March 30, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Town Office.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday, March 11,

with eight members present. Elsie Bonney filled in as guide. Communications from Department treasurer Gail Butterfield were receipt for Roster and a brochure of the State of Maine Civil War trail.

Sally Sawyer is to get a speaker for Memorial Day. Elsie Bonney gave a report on the names for the Honor Roll addition. Plans were made for the Senior Citizen dinner on April 4. Calls made and reported were 25. Sally Sawyer received the mystery package. President Vicky Myers read an item that happened on this date in history.

Next meeting will be held at the Grange Hall. Following the meeting a surprise retirement party was held for Sally Sawyer.

Remember Town Meeting will be held on the last Monday of the month, March 25.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school for all ages at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday Midweek Service at 6:30 p.m. Easter is March 31 - come celebrate Resurrection Sunday at the Baptist Church Sunrise service at 8 a.m. with breakfast following. Then regular 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. services.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet in April on the 4th at the Town Fire Station, dinner by Daughters of Union Veterans and program by Diane York on Garden Pests.

The Woodstock Historical Society met on Saturday, March 9, at the Town Conference Room for a meeting and program by Larry Bonney on some early settlements in Woodstock. A good size crowd attended. Next meeting will also be at the Town Conference Room with Joyce Howe telling more of Woodstock's history. Meetings start at 6 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ken McInnis.

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT



Greetings from sunny Albany! Just returned from a mid-day outing and found

the wind very chilly despite the bright sun.

I was glad to hear that Edna York has returned to her home after a stay in rehab. Welcome home, Edna.

On Wednesday of this past week, Margaret Barton returned home after a 28-day stay in Clover Manor Rehab, and she is glad to report she is doing fine. She is very anxious to get rid of her walker and get motivating under her own speed. I visited her a while ago and it is good to see her looking well rested and very content to let Franklin take care of her!

Looks like Old Man Winter is again raising his ugly head and producing another storm Monday, into Tuesday and Wednesday. Sure hope he runs out of energy before he gets here. We do not need any more snow days.

Trying to get a head start on spring cleaning and these longer days are helping as long as the sun is out.

Hope all the maple syrup makers are having good luck this spring. Have a good week everyone and keep thinking SPRING!



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Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Spring begins this year, not with gentle sun streaming through

the trees, but with a major snowstorm that is scheduled to leave us buried in snow. It would make me laugh if I, like so many, weren't ready for Spring warmth to actually begin.

I am ready for flowers to bloom through the snow, but they won't be able to if we have 10 or more inches fall this week. What will be will be. We shall see. It hasn't started to snow yet, so they could still be wrong. Friend Annie took me to Kennebunk this week to see Dr. Mulcahy. He put me back on doxy, but said I can only stay on it until it gets warm and the sun gets really hot. If I still have Lyme-ies by then, I will have to switch drugs. I am ready to be off the drugs altogether, but I waited too long for treatment and now it just takes longer to heal.

Thursday, March 21, ACOA will meet at 10 a.m. at the Waterford Library if it is not still snowing. Please call 739-9115 to find out.

Thursday, from 1-4, SeniorsPlus will meet at the Norway Town Office. This is free. To make an ap-

pointment call 1-800-427-1241.

Thursday, at 6 p.m., at Wilkins House in Waterford, there is a community potluck. Make your favorite dish and bring it to share. FMI 583-6677.

Saturday, March 23, Maine Adaptive Sports will have a Ski-a-Thon at Sunday River Ski Resort. FMI please call 824-3000.

Sunday, March 24 from 7:30-11 a.m., Bethel Rotary will have a Country Breakfast at Ordway Hall at Gould Academy. Tickets at \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. Children are \$3.

Monday, March 25, is the first night of Passover. Happy Passover.

That is all for this week. Be careful in the snow and enjoy what you can of the first days of Spring.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Good morning to y'all on this beautiful sunny Friday, March 15th. The thermometer reads 25 degrees here at 11:30 a.m. and very cold. But the sun is so warm streaming thru the windows. Brrrrr - minus 2 degrees on Mt. Washington this morning.

Birthday wishes go out to the following, Janice Walker, Eileen Casterline,

Ray Gaudet, Alan Brandon Coffin, Amanda Coriveau, Chris Lamb, Gail Pulkkinen, Lainey Cross, Leo J. Jolin, Christine Hanscom, Ginny Brown, and Bobby Walker.

Yogi has not been feeling well the first four days this week, he does seem to be feeling a little better today.

We popped in to visit with the kids (Craig and April) one evening and to enjoy a hot cup of tea.

Had some day-old bread I left out to harden, so I am gonna spread with some peanut butter and sprinkle seeds on top and put out in the feeders for the little birds to enjoy.

Leroy LeBlanc joined us (the band) on Thursday, we were booked to play for the residents in Lewiston. The residents asked where Dell was, they love his mandolin and fiddle playing. Keeps them tapping their feet and clapping to his tunes.

For those of you who always enjoyed the old curb side service back in the good ole days, Val's on

Sabattus Street in Lewiston are still in business, (it used to be A&W) we love going down on warm evenings and enjoying their delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, onion rings, and other delicious goodies, and they do run specials on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the prices are very reasonable. And they play the oldies music '50 '60 and '70 on their outside speakers.

Hope y'all had a great Saint Patrick's day with family and friends.

Our snowbirds will be returning to Maine soon after spending their winter in the warmer states; it will be good seeing them.

Time to start lunch and then think about getting ready to head for our Friday night jam session in Rumford.

That's all from the valley this week, enjoy all the great sunny days ahead.

Quote of the week: "He who forgives ends the quarrel."

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Last Friday was perfect weather for a spring hike up Caribou Mountain in Ma-

son. The day dawned clear and cold, with a temperature around +11 degrees. The snow was perfect for a hike without snowshoes; it had rained a few days before, and the cold morning made the snow solid enough that you could walk anywhere on it without sinking in. I packed my small day pack with a few first aid items, an extra hoodie sweatshirt and a pair of underwear bottoms, a canteen of water and a light snack. I also took a couple extra large dog biscuits for Shiloh.

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I parked the pickup in front of Pooh Corner Farm in a plowed area, donned my pack and put a leash on Shiloh so he wouldn't go romping off with the Duplessis' dog, which was close enough to get Shiloh's attention.

I kept the rambunctious Shiloh on the leash until we got far enough that he forgot about the other dog.

The trail made by others shortly after the rain of a few days before was almost rock hard, but with enough texture that traction was good.

We had not gone far before the sharp breeze from straight out of the north prompted me to don the spare hoodie over the one I already had on. From then on, I was quite comfortable.

Shiloh was having a grand time romping in all directions, one after the other, but he never got more than a hundred yards, or so, before he turned around and watched me to see if I was still coming.

We made good time, for a fellow my age and were into the steeper terrain within an hour after leaving the truck.

Some of the previous hikers had worn snowshoes when the snow was softer, so they left a comfortably wide and smooth (now hard) trail for me. I was well into the steeper part of the trail and was surprised that my legs weren't complaining, when I began to feel some weariness.

I continued at a slower, but steady pace, stopping only a couple of times to sip from my can-

teen. We were at the summit by about 11:30 a.m., where the visibility was stunning. The Presidential Range across the New Hampshire state line shone a brilliant white in the bright sunshine. The breeze was gentle but cold, so after a few snapshots and a quick snack of crackers and peanut butter, we headed back down the trail, while I tried to get my hands warm again.

The trip down was uneventful, and we were back at the truck by 2 p.m. and home a few minutes later.

After a beer, a light snack and a short nap, I went out to check my "sap line" to see if there was enough sap to bother gathering. Shiloh followed me, but I noticed that he was not his usual lively self, lying down and watching me check the sap buckets and only following slowly after I moved on to another grove of trees.

By evening, Mona noticed that Shiloh was grunting and groaning as he laid on the floor and seemed lame as he tried to get up.

He laid in his kennel cage, door open, all evening. All day Saturday Shiloh exhibited symptoms of tired muscles and limited energy. I was really surprised that a two-year-old dog, especially one that I take walking twice a day most days, got so worn down on a six mile hike! Snuffy had more energy than that when he was 8 years old!

I'm sure you've seen TV stories about the huge sink holes that opened up under people's houses or

driveways in Florida recently. I think I have a sink hole started in my driveway in front of my garage.

A few days ago I noticed the bottom has fallen out under a small section of asphalt in front of the garage; of course, my sink hole is only about a foot across.

But still, a couple days after our last rain storm, I had water coming out of my sinkhole and running down the driveway toward

the road.

When the cold weather arrived a couple days later, the water froze, leaving me with a skating rink down one side of my driveway!

Now, as of late Sunday afternoon, it is still cold, but the water has quit coming out of the sinkhole. I hope this is a stable situation and that the ice will melt before the snowstorm, predicted for Tuesday, arrives in earnest!

Gould hires new CFO

Gould Academy has hired accomplished private school financial administrator Beth McWilliams as the new chief financial officer effective July 1, 2013.

"We are very excited to announce and welcome Beth to Gould Academy," said Head of School Matt Ruby. "With more than 13 years of experience in managing complex organizational finances in private schools, Beth has a keen and inherent understanding of a school like Gould. She will be a good fit for the Gould community."

McWilliams will leave the Hillside School, a junior boarding school in Marlborough, Mass., where she has spent the last four years leading their business office. Her independent school experience includes business management roles at Tesseract School in Arizona and Sewickley Academy in Pennsylvania.

Prior to the Hillside School, McWilliams worked as chief financial officer for Gallup Financial LLC, an independent investment consulting start-up in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"During my visit to Gould, I met with numerous colleagues from different disciplines, and I am excited to work with them to foster a culture of continuous improvement and operational and educational excellence," said McWilliams.

She is a graduate of Gannon University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting in 1990. In 2000 she earned her Master of Business Administration from Robert Morris University.

She and her family, wife Elisabeth, twins Logan and Gabriella, and Dodger the dog, look forward to moving to Bethel and being part of the Gould community. They enjoy the outdoors and will be looking for recommendations about everything from great hiking trails to a good place to eat.

McWilliams will succeed Peter Rackliffe who has provided over three decades of exemplary service to Gould Academy as a teacher, adviser, coach, and chief financial officer.

BHS receives grant

The Bethel Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has received a \$500 grant from the Maine Humanities Council in support of its 2013 Lecture Series, "Trails, Trials and Tourism: Capturing the Maine Experience."

Among the programs supported by this grant will be the society's Annual History Symposium on April 13, a gallery talk during an exhibit preview in early July, and a lecture on Sept. 14 by David B. Field, author of "Along Maine's Appalachian Trail." The society is very grateful to the Council for its longstanding support of the society's public programming.

The Winter 2013 issue of the society's newsletter, the "Broad Street Herald," will be mailed out soon. The lead article is devoted to the recently-received bequest from the estate of long-time society member and devoted volunteer Mary E. Valentine. The newsletter also contains a list of 2013 programs at BHS, including the March 30 Women's History Month screening of the film "Reaching Out for Liberty & Light: The Life of Frances Payne Bolton."

As of March 15, the following have joined the society as Business Partners for 2013, providing critical support for programs, exhibits, educational activities, and publications: 22 Broad Street at Gideon Hastings House; The Bethel Citizen; Bethel Family Dentistry; Bethel Shop 'N Save; Bethel Village Motel / Ruthie's; Bonnama Pottery; Brooks Bros., Inc.; Café DiCocoa / DiCocoa's Market & Bakery; Chapman Inn; D. A. Wilson & Company, LLC; Good Food Store & Catering Co.; Goodwin's Insurance; Gray Marketing; Maine Balsam Fir Products; Maine Mountain Post & Beam; Northeast Bank; Norway Savings Bank; Pat's Pizza of Bethel; Pooh Corner Farm; Rivendell House B&B; River View Resort; Rooster's Roadhouse; Ski Esta; Smith & Town Printers; Smith Reuter Lull Architects; Steam Mill Antiques; Stony Brook Recreation; Tourmaline Media; W. J. Wheeler Insurance Agency; Western Maine Supply Co.

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Through its exhibits, programs, events, and publications, the society strives to make the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable. In 1974, the society acquired the 1813 Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which now contains a period house museum, exhibit hall and research library.

In 1999, the society opened the O'Neil Robinson House (next door at 10 Broad Street) to the public for an expanded exhibits program, museum shop space, and administrative offices.

For nearly fifty years, the society's achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations. FMI: (207) 824-2908 / (800) 824-2910 / www.bethelhistorical.org.

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Community Banking: Building a foundation for growth



FSB CFO Tim Thompson with Stephen Mitchell, owner of the Maine School of Masonry, in the Avon classroom, and student Matthew Goldman.

The Franklin Savings Bank Community Development Foundation has contributed \$1.5 million to local economic development, educational and charitable projects since it was created in 2001. What does that mean to you? A stronger local economy and hope for a brighter future.

While the Foundation sponsors 11 academic scholarships each year, totaling \$33,000, it also recognizes the value of the trades to our local economy. Recently, the Maine School of Masonry received a Franklin Savings Bank Community Development Foundation grant of \$1,000 to replace a 10-year-old computer.

Masonry is a trade traditionally handed down but today only 200 masons are ready to take the place of 2000 retiring masons nationwide, according to Steve Mitchell, owner of the Maine School of Masonry. "The trades are there. We need them. It's a good trade for the right student. They can leave here with a bag of tools," he said, adding that there is gratification in masonry. "When you are finished at the end of the day, brickwork looks good. People don't notice the electricity in a new building but they always notice the fireplace."



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GRADUATES FROM BASIC TRAINING
Air Force Airman Carson W. McKay graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. McKay is the son of Karen Swan and grandson of Bill Swan of Andover. He is a 2012 graduate of Telstar High School.

Arts Council receives grant

The Mahoosuc Arts Council has been awarded a grant for \$2,700 from the New England Foundation for the Arts through the New England States Touring Program to support the presentation of an a Syncopation, an a cappella jazz quartet sensation from Boston.

Syncopation will perform in April as part of the council's annual Gould and Telstar Performing Arts Series.

This group is known for electrifying versatility in jazz, bebop, Latin, pop, R&B, soul, folk, fusion and electropop through four-part vocal harmony. Billed as the Modern Day Manhattan Transfer, Syncopation is comprised of virtuoso vocalists, several of whom are also music educators. The Council presented this group in 2010 to a mesmerized elementary school audience. Feedback showed there was resounding demand from the adult population to bring this group back for community performances.

The public performance will be held Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. at Bingham Auditorium, 45 Church Street, on the Gould Academy campus. The group will also perform April 3 for the Telstar Regional Middle and High schools and for area home-schooled and district charter school students. The grant will go toward covering part of the artist fees to the three performances.

The Mahoosuc Arts Council, which has been supporting the advancement of the arts and humanities of the adult communities and school systems of the Greater Bethel Area since 1986, is able to present Syncopation with funding also in part by grants from Gould Academy, SAD 44, private and corporate donations.

Tickets are \$15. Students are free. If you are a home schooler or parent and would like to be included in the announcements for Mahoosuc Arts Programming, please contact (207) 890-6386, info@mahoosucarts.org or www.mahoosucarts.org.

Cultural Tourism

Cultural Tourism offers a great new wave of economic opportunity for all sectors in Western Maine. Learn now when the Mahoosuc Arts Council hosts a Business After Hours event with the Bethel Chamber of Commerce Thursday, March 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bingham Auditorium on the Gould Academy campus, 45 Church Street, Bethel.

Learn about the largest economic development initiative in the region and how you can benefit:

Western Maine Passport to the Arts

Learn about the Western Maine Arts and Biz Collaborative and how it is working to build arts-related tourism and new opportunities for local businesses. Learn how

you can reach new customers by partnering with local arts organizations of all kinds.

For fun there will be live music, theater tours of Bingham Auditorium, refreshments, and the "So you think you know the arts in Western Maine?!" contest. Win a \$160 1/2 page ad in the new Mtn. Arts Guide or a Western Maine Passport to the Arts.

Other great door prizes will be given out including: 1 season pass for the 2013-14 Series, \$135; signed print by Arla Patch, \$35; and 4 Gould Performing Arts Series tickets, \$60.

Bethel Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met March 13 at the Rooster's Roadhouse for their meeting and dinner with 46 members present. President Caroline Gould conducted the meeting, led the salute to the flag, led in singing "My Country 'Tis Of Thee" and offered a prayer.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Becky Keen and the door prize by Dorothy York.

The next meeting will be April 10 at the Methodist Church and will be a potluck meal. Members will bring a dish to share. Meeting starts at 11 a.m.

Members of Bethel Rescue were present to take blood pressure of members.

Fran Head spoke about the Telstar Middle School Project and passed out a sheet explaining what it is about. The Bethel Senior Citizens Club has been asked to be part of the Western Maine Senior College 10th anniversary as the Seniors have been gathering for 51 years. The event is to be May 6.

The speaker was Valerie Cole, social worker, from SeniorsPlus. The primary service is answering questions and connecting seniors to the right resources and assisting in the process, if needed. Medicare counseling, answers to legal and financial issues, care-giving training and planning for the future, also some respite care to provide temporary relief for the caregiver are some of the services available.

Happy birthday was sung to those having March birthdays; Pat Burnham, Ruby Coolidge, Pauline Davis, Barbara Dion, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sharon Kaiser, Mary Hester, Lise McLain and Alta Smith.

Library egg hunts

Waterford Library

The Waterford Library invites Waterford and Harrison kids elementary school age and under to an Easter Egg hunt from 3 to 4 on Saturday, March 30. Refreshments will be available and there will be an opportunity to complete a crafts project. Books will be given as prizes for participants.

The library is located on Routes 35 and 37 in Waterford. Hours are Monday 2-6, Wednesday 3-8, Friday 10-12, and Saturday 10-2.

West Paris Library

The Friends of the Library will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for West Paris toddlers through 1st graders at the Library on Saturday, March 30, at 9 a.m. A basket will be provided for each child for collecting the eggs. The children should be accompanied by an adult.

There will be a gift for each child, in addition to the Easter eggs found during the hunt. The lucky finder of one marked egg will receive a special prize. The festivities will conclude with a story and a craft.

For more information, call the library at 674-2004.

Celladore

'What do you do for fun?'

One morning I felt disquiet. Why? No thunder, no lightning, no sonic boom. I looked about and saw no white mare anywhere. Sandy was pacing up and down along the south edge of the pasture looking out expectantly. Then, too late, I remembered that our neighbor who had bought a Morgan stallion last winter had mentioned that she soon would be turning him out in her west pasture. It was a mile through the woods from us, but he must have called and Duch heard him and run off. No harm could come to her but the Dock fences were not strong. A horse on the loose these days when most car drivers know nothing about animals is a danger. Why had I been so foolish as to let Duch free? I must get her back at once.

I took her halter, a bucket of grain, and got into the old pickup with no doors that we kept to use about the place to haul in wood or take rocks away. It had no license, but I could explain to police that this was an emergency trip. I was almost to the main road when I met Davy Crockett coming my way. He yelled for me to stop, told me the Lowells had caught Duchess and that twelve-year-old Gretchen Dock was riding her home. I turned around and waited. Duch was caparisoned with a black and silver western saddle and had a western bit in her mouth. She was fighting it as we always used a hackamore, but Gretchen was handling her well. I told her to give Duch a loose rein, she would go better, and followed them up the hill. I put Duch in the barn for safekeeping, loaded the saddle, took Gretchen home, then on to check if any damage had been done. Lola C. reported that Duch had not gone near her large bed of gladiolas. She had almost caught her but the belt of her shorts was not long enough. Her children, like all the young, were amazed that their mother was not afraid. On to the Lowell's and thanked them for the loan of the saddle and bridle. They too insisted there had been no trouble at all. Home, more "shook" from navigating the old truck than by the runaway mare. It had all been taken care of so quickly by good neighbors that I had not had time to worry. Thereafter I left Duch in the pasture all the time. She demanded to be let out. After her release, she called piteously, that is as piteously as Duch could manage. She was not a humble soul.

Her spirit never lessened but her gimpy right knee got worse and we rode her shorter distances. It might be fun to try for a foal and we bred her to a Morgan. We couldn't imagine the strong-willed, independent Duch being a devoted mother. She surprised us. I marked the calendar. That evening she kept coming to the pasture gate and asking to come in, then loped off. Mares like to foal outside alone if possible but she finally came in. B.B. was off to take clean clothes to Howard. He was back in an hour and found a dainty bay filly, cleaned, and on her feet nursing.

Two days later we put them both back in the pasture. Duch showed the filly the ditch, jumped her back and forth over it twice, then raced her around the edge of the field before she let her rest. She produced ample milk and was an exemplary mother. When weaning time came she seemed to accept the life pattern, did not call nor grieve for Melissa who had been put in another stall. We lacked barn room so sold them both.

I never became a good rider. I was eager to look about for mushrooms or wild flowers when on the trail rather than keeping my horse up to an excellent performance. I did learn a bit about horsemanship from the procession of beasts who followed Brigadon.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor & Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wed evening 6:00 Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26). Fr. Robert Vaillancourt may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month; 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast

Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 - 10 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824.4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastor Ray Mitchell. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. (summer) with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Sunday services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., (July and Aug. 9 a.m.) Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail chrstch@megalink.net.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI: 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabus Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary. 364-2193.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave., The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass,

4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 89 Congress St. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI: 364-3856.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m. 207-388-2610.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - Sunday services, 9 a.m., Sept. to June. 207-674-2365.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School - 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth - 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) - 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m., Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

MAHOOSUC KIDS

Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

Happy Spring! The calendar says it is Spring but all of us at MKA continue to take advantage of all the snow with afternoons of snowshoeing, skiing, sliding, and all around Fun! In anticipation that summer will eventually get here, MKA is busy planning our 2013 Summer Adventure Program. The Theme this summer will be "Where the Wild Things Are." I will set the actual summer dates...when it stops snowing!

A big Thank you to the families and friends that came to the 2nd annual Sweetheart Dance. It was a great community event with the kids planning and making decorations, the Board providing all the food and the staff including our awesome DJ (Ms. I) who kept the evening fun for the kids. All donations to the dance will be used for summer field trips.

Thanks to the staff at Bryant Pond 4-H for extending the after school programing at CPS and WES for an additional 6 weeks. We are also fortunate to have them go to Andover this week for a new 6 week program.

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



Everyone participating in a lively game of "freeze dance"



Addie Charrette and Ella Blair leading another "dancing game"



Gigi DeVivo - MKA Sweetheart Dance



Hunter Winslow watches Grady Kellogg stir the ice cream.



Mia Hoffman and Mom share a laugh at the MKA Sweetheart Dance with Nadia Brown.



Chelsea Duclos and Celia Melanson take a break at the dance.



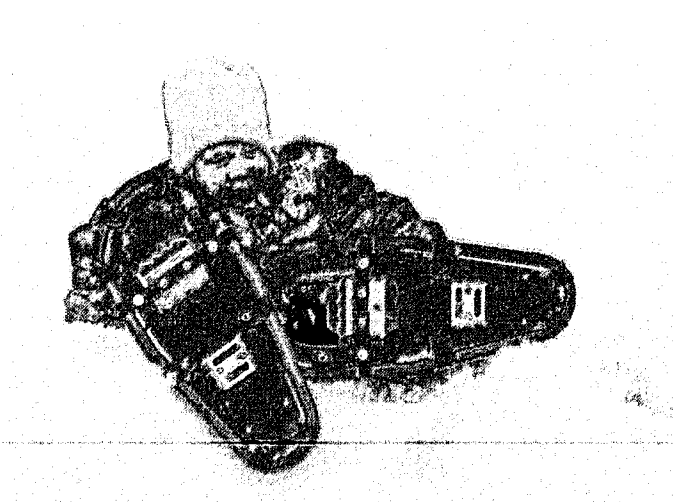
Makenzie Eliot and Dad sharing a dance.



"How low can you go" - MKA Sweetheart Dance.



Wylie Williamson, Grady Kellogg, Hunter Winslow, and Briar Huard get ready to make ice cream in a bucket.



Savannah Knight discovers how hard it is to get back on your feet when there's snowshoes strapped to them.



Wylie Williamson tries out the new snow shoes.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, March 21

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – **American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Campaign**, Bethel Foodliner, Main Street. Volunteers will be selling bouquets of 10 daffodils for \$10 to benefit the American Cancer Society. FMI: Caroline Gould (824-3226).
10 a.m. – **ACOA Meeting**, Waterford Library. Weather permitting. FMI: 739-9115.

1 to 4 p.m. – **SeniorsPlus, Area Agency on Aging**, available at Norway Town Hall to answer questions or concerns. All events are free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

4:30 to 6 p.m. – **Good Meals in 30 Minutes or Less**, West Parish Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. A workshop on putting together quick and healthy meals presented by chef Elton Cole and registered dietician, Pat Watson. Food samples. Recipes. Free and open to the public. FMI: Rosabelle Tift (824-2053).

6 p.m. – **Community Potluck**, Wilkins House, Waterford. Make your favorite dish and bring it to share. FMI: 583-6677.
6 p.m. – **Bach Flower Workshop at "Heald" Within**, 66B Paris Street, Norway. Bach flowers are an integrative and natural way of working toward healing negative mental and emotional states. Cost: \$35. FMI/reservations: "Heald" Within (744-0811) or Krissy Skye (739-2666).

7 to 9 p.m. – **Tar Sands Public Forum with Portland-Montreal Pipeline Officials**, Telstar High School auditorium.

Friday, March 22

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – **American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Campaign**, Bethel Foodliner, Main Street. Volunteers will be selling bouquets of 10 daffodils for \$10 to benefit the American Cancer Society. FMI: Caroline Gould (824-3226).

12:30 to 5:30 p.m. – **Western Maine Active Communities Conference**, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Help transform your town by learning how to integrate physical activity opportunities into community planning, transportation, and land use decisions. This is a free event, but registration is required. FMI: Brendan Shaufler (Brendan@healthyoxfordhills.org).

March 22, 23, and 24

13th Annual Mountain Valley Recreational Basketball Tournament, Mountain Valley High School and Mountain Valley Middle School. Two 8-team divisions compete in round robin tournaments. Shooting contest, trophies, giveaways, food and drink specials, and local entertainment. Team entry fee: \$350/\$375. Spectator admission: Free. FMI: Call Eddie Paterson (364-9352) or visit mvrb1.webs.com.

Saturday, March 23

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo**, Bethel Inn Conference Center. Exhibitors include Maine and New Hampshire outfitters and guide services, sporting camps, wildlife artists and authors, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and others. Seminars, fly-tying demos and contest, door prizes and more. Admission: \$5/ adults, youth 15 and under, free. FMI: 824-3694 or www.westernmaineflyfishingexpo.com.

9:30 a.m. – **Farm Pond Construction and Trout Stocking Workshops**, Oxford County Extension Office. Check-in begins at 9:30. Farm Pond construction workshop with Candace Gilpatrick begins at 10 a.m. Trout Stocking workshop with Sonny Pierce begins at 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$10 per workshop. Beverages, snacks, and lunch will be provided. FMI: Call 743-5789 ext. 101/111 or visit www.osfordswcd.net.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **Andover Food Pantry Food Sale Fundraiser**. The Andover Food Pantry works with the Good Shepherd Food Bank to provide food supplies to residents of Andover, Upton, Roxbury, and Byron. A variety of baked goods and takeout items will be available, and all money raised will be matched by a grant.

1 to 3 p.m. – **Spaghetti Sauce Contest**, Newry Grange Hall. \$5/plate for sauce samples with noodles from nine different local restaurants. A project by Eddy School student, Cassidy Webster to benefit the Shriner's Hospital. Donations of paper products and noodles (gluten free or regular) needed. FMI: Cassidy Webster (cassidywebster101@gmail.com).

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. – **Peter Haines Memorial Ham and Bean Public Supper**, Bethel Masonic Lodge. \$8/adults, \$4/kids 10

and under. FMI: Todd Davis (824-8282).

6 p.m. – **Potluck Supper and Presentation by Arla Patch**, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Arla will speak about her work with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

7 p.m. – **The Fly Fishing Film Tour**, Bethel Inn Conference Center. The film features a segment on the Maine salmon, produced by Carter Davidson of Gray Ghost Productions. Tickets: \$7/advance purchase at the Expo, \$10 at the door. FMI: 824-3694 or www.westernmaineflyfishingexpo.com.
7 to 10 p.m. – **Jones Dance Band**, South Paris Legion Hall. Admission: \$5.

Sunday, March 24

7:30 to 11 a.m. – **Bethel Rotary Club Country Breakfast**, Ordway Hall, Gould Academy. Tickets: \$7/advance, \$8/door. Children are \$3.

10 a.m. – **Palm Sunday Worship Service** with Rev. Doretta Colburn at the North Waterford Congregational Church on Five Kezars Road opposite Melby's market.

Tuesday, March 26

2 p.m. – **Meet the Bee Experts**, Telstar Middle School. Principles of beekeeping, perennial bee perimeters, harvesting, and much more! A "Bethel Bee Week" event, sponsored by the Mahoosuc Arts Council. Students/free, adults/\$5 suggested donation. FMI: 890-6386.

4 to 6 p.m. – **Retirement Gathering for Larry Coffin**, Pat's Pizza, Bethel. Larry is retiring after over 33 years of service as a Telstar custodian and district maintenance worker. \$10 donation requested. RSVP: Ron Deegan, SAD 44 Bus Garage (824-2471).

Wednesday, March 27

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. – **SeniorsPlus, Area Agency on Aging**, available at the Rumford Town Office to answer questions or concerns. All events are free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

2:30 p.m. – **Maine Autism Society**, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. The Autism Society of Maine invites you to join families and professionals in the pursuit of knowledge about autism spectrum disorders, treatments, and support for Maine children and adults with autism. Meet and greet with light refreshments at 2:30, followed by a presentation by Aimee Cecile-DesRoches at 3 p.m. Snow-date, March 28. FMI: 364-4561.
7 p.m. – **High-elevation Bird Monitoring in the Northeast**, McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Learn of efforts to monitor the elusive Bicknell's Thrush from conservation biologist, Judith Scarl.

Thursday, March 28

12 p.m. – **Maudy Thursday Service**, United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street, Bethel. A soup and bread lunch will be followed by communion and a short service. All are welcome.

6:30 p.m. – **"Queen of the Sun: What are the bees telling us?"** A film presentation at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium, 45 Church Street. A "Bethel Bee Week" event, sponsored by the Mahoosuc Arts Council. Students/free, adults/\$5 suggested donation. FMI: 890-6386.

Friday, March 29

6 to 8 p.m. – **Crescent Park BEE-EXPO**, Crescent Park School, 19 Crescent Lane. Live bee and informational exhibits, bee products by local farms, and how-to info. A "Bethel Bee Week" event, sponsored by the Mahoosuc Arts Council. Students/free, adults/\$5 suggested donation. FMI: 890-6386.
6:30 p.m. – **"To Bee or Not to Bee,"** a musical presentation at Crescent Park School, 19 Crescent Lane. A "Bethel Bee Week" event, sponsored by the Mahoosuc Arts Council. Students/free, adults/\$5 suggested donation. FMI: 890-6386.

Saturday, March 30

9 a.m. – **Easter Egg Hunt**, Mills Market, Andover. Children ages pre-school through grade six are eligible to participate. Donation jars to support this project can be found in the Little Red Hen restaurant and the Andover General Store.
9 a.m. – **Easter Egg Hunt**, West Paris Library. Open to toddlers through first graders. A basket will be provided for egg collection. Children will receive a gift in addition to eggs found during the hunt. The lucky finder of one marked egg

will receive a special prize. Festivities will conclude with a story and craft. Children must be accompanied by an adult. FMI: 674-2004.

2 p.m. – **Reaching Out for Liberty and Light: The Life of Frances Payne Bolton** presented by the Bethel Historical Society in celebration of Women's History Month. Frances Payne Bolton is recognized today as an outstanding and influential politician, humanitarian, philanthropist, and patriot. Bethel Historical Society Executive Director Emeritus, Stanley R. Howe, will introduce the film at the Dr. Moses Mason House (14 Broad Street).

3 to 4 p.m. – **Easter Egg Hunt**, Waterford Library. Open to Waterford and Harrison children elementary school age and under. Refreshments will be available, and there will be an opportunity to complete a crafts project. Books will be given as prizes for participants.

7 to 10 p.m. – **Jones Dance Band**, South Paris Legion Hall. Admission: \$5.

Sunday, March 31

6:30 a.m. – **Easter Sunrise Service**, Keoka Lake town beach, Waterford. The sunrise service will be a joint celebration with the Oxford County United Parish churches followed by Easter breakfast at the Wilkins House. Easter Sunday worship service will be held at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Church. **Sunrise Easter Service and Breakfast**, Locke's Mills Union Church. Regular 9 a.m. service and special music following. All are welcome.

Monday, April 1

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – **Socrates Café Gathering**, Waterford Library. The group offers a forum to discuss current topics and ideas in a warm, friendly atmosphere where divergent views are welcome. April's topic will be, "Laughter: The Best Medicine?" Moderator: Joanne Morse. FMI: 582-6957 or wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Thursday, April 4

2 to 7 p.m. – **Red Cross Blood Drive**, Maine Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments call 743-6300 or 1-800-RED-CROSS. All presenting donors in April will receive a coupon for a free regular 6-inch sub at any participating Subway restaurant.

Friday, April 5

5 p.m. – **Holy Savior School Benefit Auction**, American Legion, Rumford. Items up for auction include Sea Dogs tickets, an American Girl doll, a Keurig coffee maker, dance lessons, jewelry, and more. Individuals and businesses interested in contributing may contact Sue Adley (364-4919), Judy Collette (364-5157), or Holy Savior School (364-2528).

Saturday, April 6

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **American Legion Post 72 Yard Sale**, Church Street, South Paris. The lunch counter will be open and 50/50 tickets will be available.
10 a.m. – **Family Waterfall Adventure**. Meet at Mahoosuc Land Trust off Route 2 to carpool to Grafton Notch and explore the waterfalls.

Friday, April 12

6 p.m. – **Dinner and a Movie**, First Congregational Church, Andover. Meal and desserts provided, followed by a showing of "The Letter Writer." Donations accepted to defray expenses.

Saturday, April 13

1 p.m. – **Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop**, Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Topics will be getting bees ready for spring and problems with disease. Speaker will be Maine State Bee Inspector, Tony Jadczak. All are welcome. FMI: John (743-5009) or Kevin (farroott@roadrunner.com).
4 p.m. – **Auction and Music Event** featuring Pete Coolidge and Friends, Andover Town Hall. Proceeds to support the Hughes family.

Sunday, April 14

9 a.m. – **Letter B Notch Riders Meeting**, Upton House. The meeting will begin with elections of officers and board members. Trail locations and development, bridge building, fundraising, and club events will be discussed.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office
Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.
Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.
Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office
SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover
Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.
Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,
Bethel
First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.
Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.
Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m. Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.
Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.—Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.
First and Third Thursdays of month, 6 p.m.; Bethel Dog Park Committee meets at Mahoosuc Land Trust building. In case of inclement weather, call 836-2100.
Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Gould and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.
Upton
Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m. Ladies Aid Society Breakfasts at the Ladies Aid building, Mill Road, Upton. Breakfasts vary. Cost: Donation.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.—West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/Winter-Kids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 87 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI: call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.
Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional,

or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris. Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6PM to 7:30PM at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - READ IT!

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What do planets like to read?

- BILL
- CARD
- CODE
- COMEDY
- FABLE
- FAIRY TALE
- FOLK STORY
- LETTER
- MAIL
- MANUAL
- MEMOIR
- MENU
- MYSTERY
- MYTH
- NOVEL
- PAMPHLET
- PLAY
- POETRY
- TEXTBOOK

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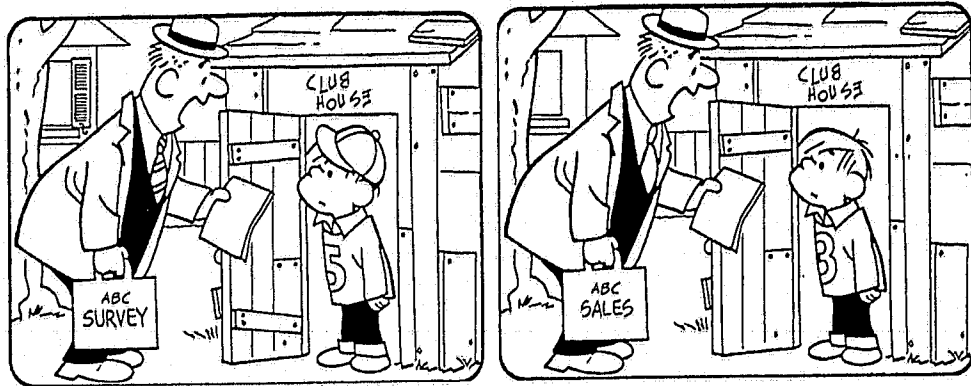
Riddle Answer: _____

For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



1. Shutter is missing. 2. Briefcase word is different. 3. Tie is different. 4. Board is missing. 5. Cap is missing. 6. Number is different.

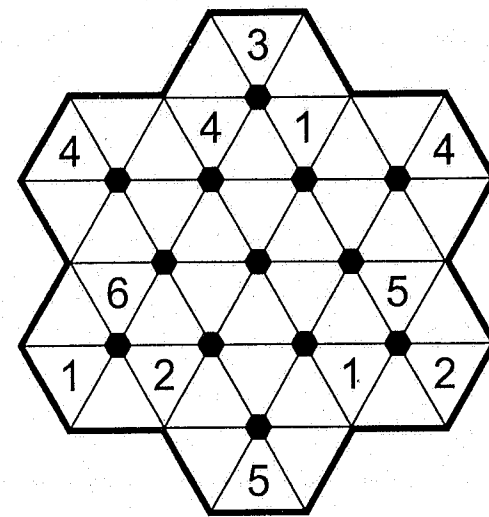
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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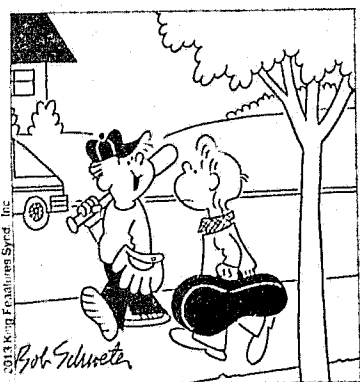
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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Rapture
SLIBS
Motive
PINTO
Compact
LIDOS

TODAY'S WORD

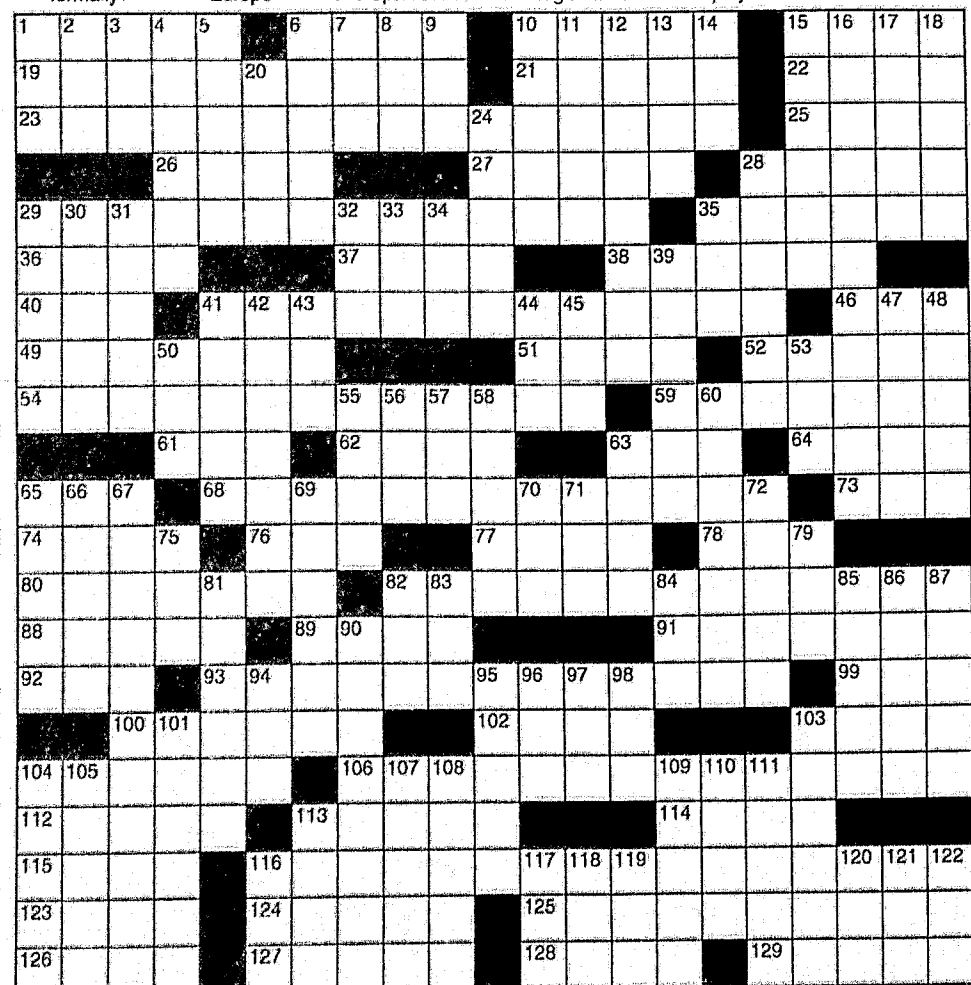


"I don't have to take lessons anymore—not after my folks found out how much money ballplayers make these days."

Super Crossword

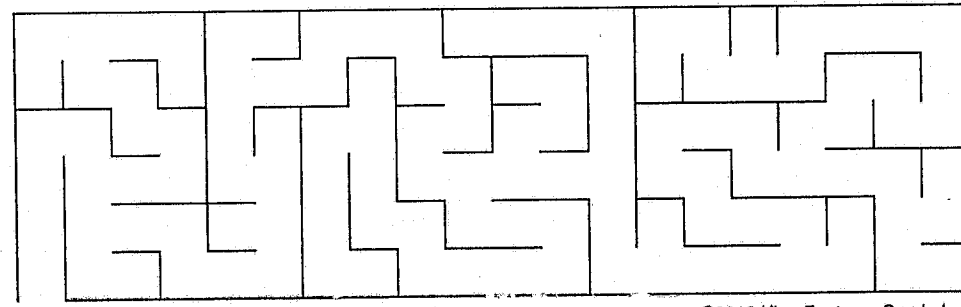
GOING FORMAL

- ACROSS
- 1 Have faith
 - 6 Alan of TV and film
 - 10 Shish —
 - 15 — Stanley Gardner
 - 19 Pacific atoll belonging to the U.S.
 - 21 "Spenser" For Hire star
 - 22 Brand for hair removal
 - 23 Comedy club event for amateurs, formally?
 - 25 Loretta of country
 - 26 Unescorted
 - 27 Like poison ivy rashes
 - 28 Chair creator Charles
 - 29 Do a boxing "dance," formally?
 - 35 For no profit, perhaps
 - 36 "Look what —!"
 - 37 4, on some clocks
 - 38 West German city
 - 40 With 91-Across, tone oneself up
 - 41 Supporter of drapes, formally?
 - 46 "Dr." of hip-hop
 - 49 List the particulars of, to a Brit
 - 51 Zap with a stunning weapon
 - 52 Opera house boxes
 - 54 Owner of an online company, formally?
 - 59 Digital music pastiches
 - 61 Pollen eater
 - 62 Away from the wind
 - 63 Baby goat
 - 64 Best draft status
 - 65 Damone or Tayback
 - 68 Its students learn road rules, formally?
 - 73 Crafty
 - 74 Heavy burden
 - 76 Serpent or alp suffix
 - 77 Ice skater
 - 78 Tiny charged bit
 - 80 Arctic Circle region of Europe
 - 82 Aesthete's question, formally?
 - 88 Depression
 - 89 Defensive end Antwan
 - 91 See 40-Across
 - 92 Furry sitcom alien
 - 93 Stuck to one's decision, formally?
 - 99 Japanese dance-drama
 - 100 Rock's — Tull
 - 102 Suit part
 - 103 Having left
 - 104 "— & Juliet" (animated 2011 film)
 - 106 Pay, formally?
 - 112 Painting holder
 - 113 Prefix with fan or jet
 - 114 Resound
 - 115 Site of bliss
 - 116 Victor Hugo classic, formally?
 - 123 Big Apple squad car abbr.
 - 124 Often-dipped cookies
 - 125 Bun or bagel toppers
 - 126 Spa sounds
 - 127 River to the Oise
 - 128 Chaps
 - 129 End on — note
 - 1 A pair of
 - 2 Ice-T hit, e.g.
 - 3 Guitar kin
 - 4 Got a feeling
 - 5 East — (nation since 2002)
 - 6 Giant in foil
 - 7 "— di-dahi!"
 - 8 Forensic ID
 - 9 Citrus drink
 - 10 — Kinte
 - 11 13th-century king of Denmark
 - 12 Egotists have them
 - 13 Throbbing
 - 14 Food preservative
 - 15 Interweave
 - 16 Sci-fi fryers, formally?
 - 17 Creases
 - 18 Painter Max
 - 20 Nile deposit
 - 24 Peaceful
 - 28 Anilknock fluids
 - 29 Stiff
 - 30 Poem title starter
 - 31 Dog to avoid
 - 32 — to pick
 - 33 Day, to Juan
 - 34 Xbox 360 competitor
 - 35 King topper
 - 39 Weak stale
 - 41 Referenced
 - 42 Herald
 - 43 Playa del —
 - 44 I-40, e.g.
 - 45 Sculler's tool
 - 47 Force back
 - 50 Wild bunch
 - 53 "Well well!"
 - 55 Bat's home
 - 56 Corrida call
 - 57 Sartre's sea
 - 58 "Let — down, O Junot!"
 - 60 Eighth-century pope
 - 63 "The Bridge on the River —"
 - 65 Long river in Russia
 - 66 Totally
 - 67 Java serving, formally?
 - 69 Not al fresco
 - 70 Yale
 - 71 Not dat?
 - 72 Backs, anatomically
 - 75 — pitch
 - 79 — power
 - 81 Beer brand
 - 82 Muscle mag display
 - 83 Play caller
 - 84 — Tac
 - 85 Far Eastern capital
 - 86 Once — time
 - 87 Aller, as a skirt edge
 - 90 Nitwits
 - 94 Even if, for short
 - 95 Role player
 - 96 Tricycle rider
 - 97 Bowl cheer
 - 98 Suffix with Canaan
 - 101 Makes corrections to
 - 103 Orbs
 - 104 "Angle" star
 - 105 "Octomom" — Suleman
 - 107 "What the Butler Saw" playwright
 - 108 Past portly
 - 109 Bawls
 - 110 2001 hit for Ja Rule
 - 111 City in Tibet
 - 113 Hatcher of "Soapdish"
 - 116 Hawaii's Mauna —
 - 117 Car ad abbr.
 - 118 Debt note
 - 119 KGB worker
 - 120 Papal name
 - 121 U. URL end
 - 122 Former Russ. state



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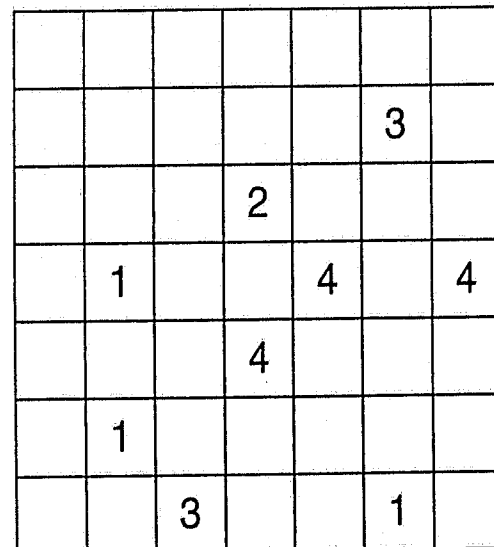


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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.

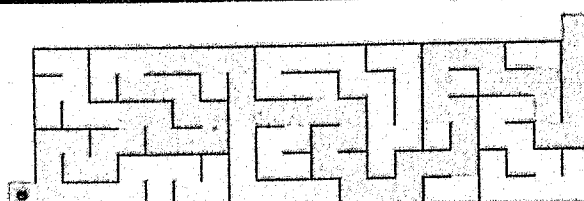


DIFFICULTY: ★★ ★

Easy ★★ Moderate ★★ ★ YOWZA!

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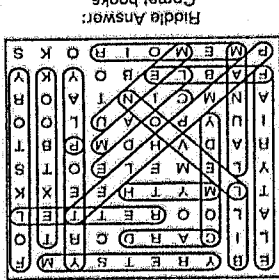
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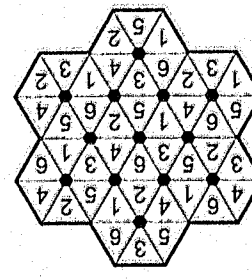
1. Haven; 2. Bliss

Answers

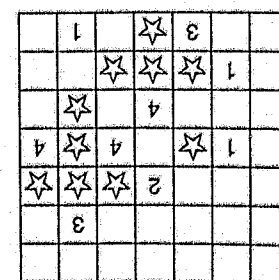
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"A Trapper's Legacy" book released

Author Randall Probert and perhaps the most popular contemporary writer of historic novels portraying life in the Maine wilderness is announcing the recent release of his newest book: "A Trapper's Legacy." A sequel to "Train to Barnum."

Sterling and Wynola Silvanus and their two new children continue their life on their family farm on the back river road to Phillips from Strong. Sterling is busy farming and cutting lumber, while Wynola is busy with house work and raising two children.

Then one day while at the county fair in Farmington, Sterling and Wynola are attacked by Hartley Griswald and Saul Montague, the same two roughnecks that had

attacked Sterling from behind 24 years earlier. They both end up in the hospital and then back to prison. Petite and beautiful Wynola had beaten the living hell out of Saul. A beating that he would never forget.

The Carcajou legend that Mr. Probert had created in his novel "Courier De Bois" and used to tell the history of the Grafton area in "A Grafton Tale" and then again in "Train to Barnum," Wynola now passes on to their son Pierpole.

She tells her son that the vest will always protect him and with this protection comes great knowledge and responsibility. Pierpole enlists in the Army and leads his team while on survival training in Alaska and becomes the team leader of the Grizzly Scouts in South Korea.

Pierpole spends a cold winter alone, north of Paramachnee Lake where Falling Bear had built his

village. The small band of Abenaki People have by now all moved on to St. Francis, Quebec. While at the old village he saves the life of a lost fisherman who he reprimands for trespassing and then later has to stand before him in court to answer to charges brought against him by the new game warden. During the coldest days of that winter Pierpole is visited by a beautiful woman who helps him to overcome the stresses of war. This woman visits him several times and Pierpole is not sure if it was in his dreams or if she is real. But this woman guides him back to the museum of Val d'Or, Quebec where he meets the curator, Marian who takes him to Emile LaMontagne's cabin where the Carcajou Legend was created.

There the legend has now come full circle and Pierpole discovers the real secret of the wolverine vest and the legend.

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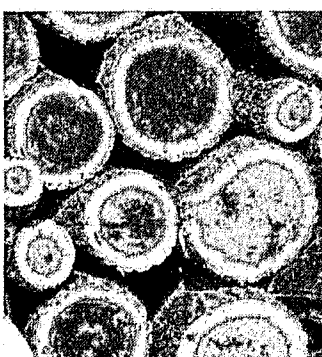
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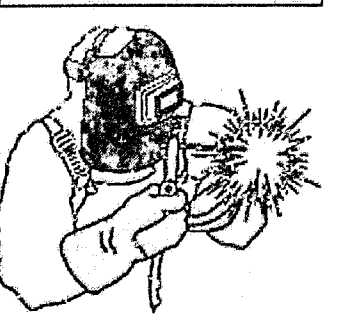
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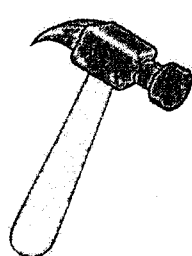
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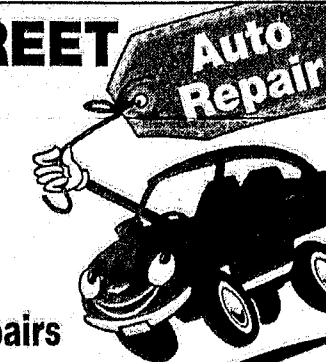
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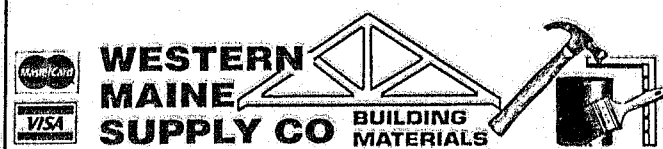
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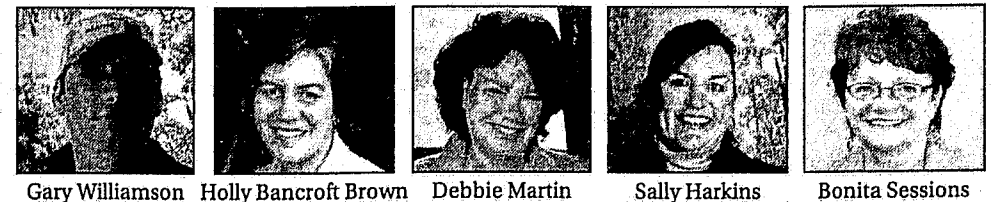
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Road trips taken by college kids or high schoolers hitting the road for spring break or professionals and parents packing up the car for a weekend getaway have become synonymous with spring. A road trip is a great way to get outdoors and make the most of a warm day, but there are a few tricks of the trade drivers can employ to ensure their road trips are as enjoyable as possible.

Give your car a good wash. Drivers who live in areas with heavy snowfall should give their vehicles a thorough cleaning before hitting the road for a spring road trip. Salt and sand can build up on a vehicle over the course of a snowy winter, so a power washing will help remove excess salt, sand or dirt and help the car run more smoothly.

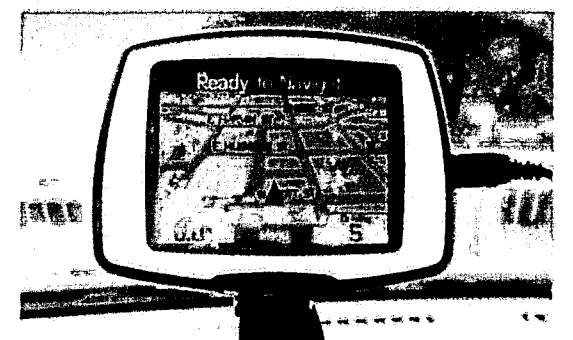
Get the vehicle a tune-up. A tune-up, including an oil change, should be part of your pre-trip planning. Make sure winter hasn't caused any damage to the vehicle's body and ask your mechanic to perform a thorough inspection of the vehicle's suspension and brakes. If any problems arise, address them before embarking on your road trip.

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Obituaries



CATHERINE L. MC MILLIN

Catherine L. McMillin, 91, of Bethel passed away March 16, 2013 at Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center with her niece Patty Marie and dear friend Jeanne Boelsma at her side.

Kay was born in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada on Sept. 26, 1921, to John and Virginia Edgerly McMillin.

She graduated from Gould Academy in 1940. Kay enjoyed skiing in her younger years. She golfed at the Bethel Inn and Paris Hill golf clubs. She loved swimming at the head of the lake in Bryant Pond and at Angevine Park in Bethel. Kay worked at the Hanover Dowel Mill in Bethel until it closed. She also worked for the White Mountain National Forest as a Ranger.

Her most treasured job was being a volunteer at the Bethel Animal Hospital for many years. She also served as Sacristan at Our Lady of Snows.

Kay is survived by her sister, Nikki Miller and husband Sheldon of Bethesda, MD.; special niece, Patty Marie Howe,

also Claudia Casey, Patty Kay Monahan, Nili Yudec, Brenda and Cindy Caillouet; nephews, Delma and Jack McMillin, Lincoln Miller, Keith and Brian Caillouet; Kay's special family, 'the kids' at the Bethel Animal Hospital and May; special friend Gen Donnellan; her Our Lady of Snows friends; and many many friends of Bethel. Kay was predeceased by her parents; sisters, Edna Curtis, Jo Monahan, Ethelyn Caillouet and Evelyn Merrill; and brothers, Roderick (Mush) and Frederick.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, March 22, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Snows in Bethel. Interment will be later in the spring at Riverside Cemetery in Bethel. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Bethel Animal Hospital Second Chance.

SANDRA LEE BROWN

Sandra Lee Brown, 72, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, March 17, 2013, in South Paris.

She was born in Stoneham, Nov. 28, 1940, the daughter of Carl and Dorothy McKeen. She attended South Paris High School and later completed her GED at OHHS. She later enjoyed taking classes at Bowdoin College.

Sandra worked many years at the Norway Shoe Shop and later completed course work to become a certified nurse's assistant.

She was a CNA for nearly 20 years at Andrews Nursing Home in South Paris. She proudly worked at the West Paris Town Office as a clerk assistant.

She was also a volunteer for AWAP (recently renamed Voices) and lastly in her working career she worked for Community Concepts for Senior Companions. Sandra received the 2007 Home Care and Hospice Alliance Volunteer of the year award presented to her by Gov. John Baldacci.

Sandra enjoyed her six children and her many grandchildren and was proud to recently become a great-grandmother. She had pride in her children and how they turned out and liked having bragging rights about her kids and grandkids. Sandra was very honored to have many great friends where she resided at Hillside Terrace.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, painting, shopping, genealogy, going to yard sales and sewing over the years, where she made her children's clothes when they were young. She enjoyed all of the holidays and especially enjoyed Christmas, where she searched for the perfect gift year round. She prided herself on selecting just the right gift for her many children and grandchildren.

Sandra enjoyed decorating for all the holidays in both her home and also the common areas at Hillcrest Apartments.

She was known for always having a full candy

dish for others to enjoy. Sandra's children remember their Mother for taking pride in being witty and always having a limerick ready to roll off her lips. It was not uncommon to hear her telling stories with great enthusiasm and many details.

She was not the "cookie cutter soccer mom," as she was always known for thinking outside the box; always proud of her uniqueness and never lived with any regrets. It saddened her that she lost so many of her peers and friends, and thought of them often over the years.

She is survived by her beloved children, Teresa Curtis of Oxford, Marilyn Swan and husband James of Bethel, Connie Bergen and partner Star Waisenen of Kennebunk, Bob Brown and his wife Jenna of Poland, Suzanne Atkinson and husband Michael of Cornville and Natalie Brown of New Hampshire; 18 grandchildren, Melissa Ostrowski and husband Paul, Bion Swan and companion Megan Daye, Kyle Curtis and fiancée Kristen Brown, Mike Swan and wife Danielle, Sarah Swan, Adam Curtis, Peter Brown and companion Audrey Baril, Tyler Curtis, Becky Brown, Christopher Pike, Katie Coombs, Zachary Pike, Allison Coombs, Jacob Coombs, Chance Brown, Tyler, Garret and Ben; two great-grandchildren, Henry Ostrowski and Sydney Swan; nieces, Marjorie, Beverly and Donna; and special friends, Linnet, Muriel and Judy.

Births

Roxanne and Brandon Roberts of West Paris are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Novaleigh Kai Roberts, born on Jan. 29, 2013 at Rumford Hospital, weighing 9 pounds, 7 ounces.

Grandparents are Bruce and Judy Smith of Bethel, David Roberts of Bethel, and Judy Roberts of South Paris.

Great-grandparents are Walter and Shirley Moyses of West Paris, Howard and Penny Jewell of Waterford, Ed and Jackie Gammon of Bryant Pond and Florence Walker of Bryant Pond.

Megan Daye and Bion Swan of Bethel, announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Leigh Swan, on Feb. 16, 2013 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, weighing 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Mark and Linda Beaudoin and the late David Daye of Hanover.

Paternal grandparents are James and Marilyn Swan of Bethel.



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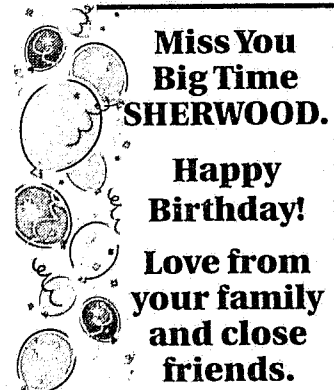
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